# THE DAILY EXERCISE OF A Devout Christian Or a Practical Preparative TO DEVOTION.

Containing

A Collection and Composition of several very Brief Forms of Prayers, for divers Occasions:

*And the Preacher sought out Acceptable Words.*

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# THE PREFACE.

PRayer, as the Principal part of Gods Worſhip deſerves no light, no Slight regard, as being that whereby we ſeek help from the great Majeſty of Heaven; Whoſe Eyes more pure then to behold iniquity ſee our inmoſt thoughts, and Secreteſt motions of our Souls. Therefore we are well adviſed by

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Rancor of mind against ones Neighbour. 1. *Tim.* 2. 8. I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands without wrath and doubting. *Mat.* 5. 24. 4. *Pride.* 1. *Peter.* 5. 5. God resisteth the proud, &c. 5. *Diffidence* or *distrust*: as *Paul* said 1 *Tim.* 2. 8. without doubting, and *Jam.* 1. 6. *nothing wavering or doubting.* From these and the like Gross Sins, he that would pray with Success had need to

be

be in a Good Measure free. For helps take these Conditions. 1. That it be in the Name of Christ. 2. With a pure heart, competently disposed & prepared, as 1. Eased as much as may be of worldly cares and thoughts 2. With an heart full of the fear of God. 3. With due Consideration and serious fore-thought, what to pray for, and how. 4 With some Considerate Examination of life and Repentance. 5 Fervently 6. Instantly 7. With de-

ſire and affection. 8. With due diſcretion. *Viz.* for Spiritual things without, but Corporal things with Condition, if God ſee good. Adde care and watchfulneſs againſt worldly thoughts, with prayer to that very purpoſe; Let Prayer be ſhort and pithy; and to this end Forms of Prayer rightly Stated have a more important uſe than many, that through miſtaken prejudice, deſpiſe or Undervalue them, conceive. They ſerve not only to put

put words into the Mouth, as some may superficially fancy, but suggest matter to the understanding, will, and Conscience, and so to set the Judgement Right Concerning things to be don, or not done and avoid: and therewithal engage the Heart and Affections, stiring them up to things good and desirable, and giving Check to those Sinful motions, that as in a Glass we see we cannot pray for a blessing to, but rather stand obliged to pray against. THE

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# THE DAILY EXERCISE Of a Devout Christian

## *A Morning Prayer for Scholars, or others.*

O Almighty and everlasting God, Father of Light and Life, who of thy free Grace and Mercy hast extended our Life to the Light of this day, pre-

serve us in the same by thy mighty Power, and lead us in the wayes of Grace and Godliness; Enlighten our Minds, conform our Wills, Instruct our Understandings, direct and Inform our Tongues, Season [our young and tender years, or] our Hearts with such Piety, Prudence, and good Language, as may become our Christian calling, [Bless our Teachers, Bless us that are taught, [Both Teacher and Learner] and] Shine upon our Souls with the Beams of thy Spirit, so that we may go on in Grace, Godliness, and all good Learning, to be the more Fitto serve Thee, the Church

Church and Common-wealth, in what state thou art or shalt be pleas'd to call us to, and all through Jesus Christ our Lord, *&c.*

## *For Pardon, Peace and Purity.*

UP Lord, and help me; Be Merciful unto my sins, and cleanse my poor Soul in the Blood of thy dear Son; Take away all mine iniquity, and Receive me graciously; Be pleased to grant me such a comfortable and peaceful frame of Spirit in a well

grounded trust and confidence of thy Mercy, that nothing may disturb my Peace, and Hope, and Joy in the Holy Ghost; Settle mine affections and Order all my Actions to thy Glory: Conduct me in the ways of thy Fear, and guide me by thy Grace, that in these days of my vanity my Heart may be washed from Wickedness, and there may no defiling thoughts be lodg'd within me. Keep mine Eyes from seeing, mine Ears from hearing, mine Heart from listening to any such things as may draw my Soul from Thee.

## *On the LORDS Day.*

REmember not, O Lord, but in mercy pardon and forgive all the sins and offences of our Youth, the Errours of our Understanding, the Inordination of our Affections, the unruly Disorders of all our Actions: and dispose now our Hearts to render all possible praise and Thanks to Thee, O most gracious God and merciful Father, for all those most Holy and helpful means of Grace, which it hath pleased Thee

to Appoint for the Sanctification and Salvation of Corrupt and ſinful Man: And amongſt other means, thoſe many gracious Diſpenſations of many Holy and Heavenly Opportunities to ſerve Thee upon thy Holy Day, by thy merciful Providence ſet apart to thy Service, that we may delight our ſelves in Thee our God, being joyful in thine Houſe of Prayer, and have our Converſation truly in Heaven and Heavenly Employments. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, in regard of that light Eſtimation, that worldly and vain miſ-ſpending of this precious time, whereof

whereof we have been so often and so deeply Guilty heretofore, and put thy Spirit into us, Incline our Hearts to observe thy Wayes and keep thy Word; Enable us, we pray Thee unto a meet Preparation for this dayes service; Help us so to examine our wayes and carriage, as to Repent truly of what has been amis, and to renew our Covenant for a better carriage henceforward: Assist us for the thorough purging of our Hearts from those Dregs and Defilements, which the world hath left behind it; As also for the stirring up of our Souls by Heavenly Meditations and Prayer,

that so we may come with devout Minds, and hungring Hearts into thy Sanctuary, as those that (being poor, and blind, and miserable, and naked) stand in great need of thy provision. Grant, moreover, O Lord, that coming in due time, and a Reverent manner into thy Temple, our Care may be Attentively, and without Distractions of Mind; watchfully, and without heavinesse of Heart, devoutly and without dulnesse of spirit, Reverently and without uncomelinesse of Carriage, to abide in thy Presence, (and during the whole Appointed time thereof) to Attend Thee in

in thine Ordinances. Make us mindful afterward of those private Exercises, whether Reading, Repeating, Conferring, Meditating or praying, whereby the publick may be made more profitable to us, and powerful in us. And let us not forget (according to our time and ability) to Meditate upon thy Creatures, but(this being the day wherein it pleased thy Majesty to put to thine Hand first for the Making of them) let us on this day also Celebrate thy Praise by Remembring them. And let us not forget those Labors of Love, and Charitable Works for our Brethrens

good, which thou (O Lord) forgettest not, especially what we may for that better part their Souls. Help us, (O Lord our God, without whom we can do nothing) by thy Power to observe in an acceptable sort this Holy Day dedicated to thy Service. Sanctifie us that we may sanctifie it unto thee, and be our selves sanctified in it, it being made to us, as it is to all good Observers, a blessed Day by all the Exercises thereof, blessed to our use and spiritual Advanta, &c. And let this Work of Sanctification, by the same and like succeeding Holy Dayes and Duties be continued still, and

and more and more perfected in us, till we come to that place, where perpetually resting from all our Labors, we shall enjoy an Eternal and All-satisfying Rest, with thine own Glorious Majesty, and thy Blessed Son and Lord of the Sabbath, Jesus Christ, and that for the same Jesus Christs sake. To whom with Thee (O Father) and the Blessed Spirit, for the Creation of the World this day begun, for the Redemption of the World this day finished, for the Sanctification of the World this day by the descending of the Holy Ghost fully manifested, and ordinarily

narily most effected; We Acknowledge to be due, and desire to Render all Honor, Power, Might, Majesty and Dominion, both now and for evermore. *Amen* and *Amen.*

## *A Morning-Prayer on the Lords Day more briefly.*

MOST gracious and merciful Father, by whose Goodness all things consist, and from whom we have received, and do derive whatsoever of good we either have or are. Look down

down upon us with the Eyes of thy Favour. Behold us with the Beams of thy Grace, Inſpire our Hearts with the love of thy Lawes, and the Light of thy Truth; Make our Souls to abound with Thankfulneſs for all thy Mercies at all times Conferr'd upon us, and in all thy Wayes and all our Dayes vouchſafed to us, for our Creation, Redemption, Preſervation, prepared means of Grace, and preparation of the Way to Glory. For the Meaſure of Reſt afforded to our frail, weak and mortal Bodies the Night paſt, that thou haſt brought us to the Light of this Day;

Grant,

Grant, O Lord, that we may walk therein, as Children of the Light, not doing the Works of Darkneſs, but thoſe things that are pleaſing and acceptable in thy Sight. That our thoughts, words and actions may be ſo ordered in thy Fear, as that the principal Tendency and Bent of our Lives and Converſations, may be to the Glory of thy Bleſſed Name, and the Salvation of our own poor Souls in Jeſus Chriſt. Be with us in our going out and coming in; Be with us in all the parts of thy Fear and Service, that this Day we ſhall be called unto, or engaged and exerciſed in.

Help

Help us in putting up our Prayers and Petitions unto thine Heavenly Majesty, in Hearing of thy Word either Read or preach'd, in Reading and Meditating upon the same. Help us against the wandrings of our own Thoughts, the corruption of our Natures, the Allurements of the World, the sinful suggestions, snares and temptations of our Ghostly Enemy the Devil, and whatsoever else might either hinder us in serving of Thee, or draw our Hearts away from Thee. And by all those means of Grace provided for us, be pleased to encrease thy Graces in us more and more,

more, and to bring us nearer and nearer unto thy self, in thy Son Christ Jesus our Lord, who is the true Light of our Souls shining day and night without end, and to all Eternity, to whom with Thee and thine Holy Spirit, be all Glory now and for ever. *Amen.*

## *For* Sunday-*Evening.*

O Eternal and Everliving Lord God Almighty, to whom all Honour is due, and Praise belongeth, sanctifie our Hearts and Lips, that our Mouths

Mouths may render Thee the Sacrifice of Thanksgiving; And Blessed, O Lord, for ever Blessed be thy Name, for thy Goodness in Creating, thy Mercy in Redeeming, thy Fatherly Providence in preserving us, for saving us from many such greater sins or dangers, whereinto we might have run or fallen, to the sudden and utter ruine and destruction both of Soul and Body, for sparing us so long, and giving us so large a time of Repentance, notwithstanding our many and great Provocations of thy Majesty by our sins, whereas thou mightest many times have swept us away

away from the Face of the Earth in the midſt of our ſins with the Beeſom of deſtruction, and in thy wrathful indignation (againſt us,) and diſpleaſure (at us.) And as for other of thy Mercies of all ſorts and kinds, ſo for the Mercies of this day, and eſpecially for the Benefit of thy Word and Ordinances, the means of Grace, and the opportunities of ſerving Thee this day, or at any other time afforded to us. Pardon, O Lord, our many failings in the duties of this day, Impute not unto us our many ſinful miſcarriages therein, our Unpreparedneſs before, our Coldneſs in praying,

ing, our want of Attention in Hearing, our Heavineſs and Deadneſs, our Drowſineſs and Dulneſs in all our Duties and Devotions, in all the Parts of thy Fear and Service this day performed, or to have been performed by us. Take away all the iniquity of our Holy Things, and receive us graciouſly, and Grant that all ſuch Portions of thy Word, as at this day, or at any other time we have been made Partakers of, may take ſuch rooting in our Hearts and Souls, as that from thence may ſpring up and grow the fruits of Grace and good Living, to the Glory of thy Bleſſed Name

and

and the Edification of our own poor Souls, in the Holy Faith through Jesus Christ our Lord *Amen.*

## *A Morning-Prayer at any want of Leisure for longer.*

O Most Great and Glorious God, the Sovereign of the World, upon whom we continually depend, to whom we owe all the Love, the Service and the Praise that we are able to render to all Eternity. We Adore thy infinite Mercy, from whence we have received so many

many Blessings for the comfort of this Life; and by which we have a sure Hope of good Things in the Life to come. Blessed be thy Goodness, which takes care of us, that we should not wander without Instruction, after the foolish desires of our own Hearts, but clearly shews us where our Happiness lies. Let us receive with Thankfulness those holy Words, which teach us the Blessedness of Poverty and Contentedness of Spirit, of Meekness and Humility of Mind, of Hungring and Thirsting after Righteousness, of Mercifulness and Purity of Heart, of Peaceableness

ableneſs and patient ſuffering, for doing the will of our Lord Chriſt, O that we may have grace to labour always to be in the Number of thoſe Bleſſed Souls, that never ſet their hearts on any thing ſo much as theſe Heavenly Vertues! O that we may ever think and feel our ſelves Happy, in the Comfort of thoſe great and Precious Promiſes, of being made the Children of the Higheſt, the heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven, and at laſt of ſeeing thee our God. It Suffices, O Lord, that we have theſe Glorious hopes Hereafter, which preſent in faith and Promiſe make us to Believe, that

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Assuredly thou wilt not let us want what is necessary for us, whilst we continue here, we commend our selves with an humble Confidence to thy watchful providence this day, beseeching thee to guide and Assist us, that in all our desires, words and actions, we may keep our selves Innocent, and undefiled before thee; That we may be disposed to do all good as we have opportunity, and delivered from all harm that might befall us, from sin and danger, from every evil work, and every evil way, Good Lord deliver us; And we heartily desire that all mankind may be filled with

with the same devotion to thee: and especially that all Christian people may Glorify thy Name and be joyfull in thee; And the greater any are in dignity and power, be Pleas'd to raise their Spirits to the greater pitch of wisdom, mercy and Piety: that they may right those that suffer wrong; and defend those that have no helper; and provide for the ease and Comfort of all miserable creatures, to the utmost of their power; In this Serious and earnest Charity, we commit both Souls and Bodies to thee; beseeching thee to increase our Love to thee, and to all men, till we be

be fit to be translated to the region of Love and Joy, and perfect Satisfaction, through Christ Jesus, who hath taught us, when we pray, to say, *Our Father*, &c.

## *Another.*

Blessed be thy Name, O Lord, and Blessed be thy Mercies, who hast preserved us this Night from many sad and great dangers, that by reason of Sin and our own Frailty or Infirmity we might have been liable to; Let the out-goings

of the Morning and Evening praise thee, and let thy Servants rejoyce in giving thee praise for thy Salvation, and for the Operation of thy hands. Let thine Eye of providence watch over us this day, and all our whole life, that as much as possible we may not sin against thee by idleness or folly, by evil company or private sins, by word or deed, by thought or desire; but that we may delight our selves in the Lord, and he may give us our hearts desire in all good. And let the Employments of our day be such, as may leave no sorrow, or sad remembrance from an evil conscience

science at night: But let it be holy and profitable, blessed and always innocent; that when the dayes of our short abode are done, and the shadow is departed, we may lie down and depart in thy fear and favour, to rest in a holy hope, and at last return to the Joyes of a blessed Resurrection, through Jesus Christ: In whose Name and words, in behalf of our selves and all our Friends, and all thy Servants, we humbly and heartily pray, *Our Father*, &c.

## *Evening.*

ETernal Lord God, Almighty Father of men and Angels, by whose care and providence, we are preserved and Blessed, comforted and assisted, we humbly beg of thee to pardon the sins and follies of this day, the weakness of our services, and the strength of our passions, the rashness of our words, and the vanity or evil of our actions. O Just and dear God, how long shall we confess our sins, and pray against them, and

and yet fall under them; O let it be so no more, let us never return to the follies of which we are, or ought to be ashamed, which bring sorrow and death, and thy displeasure, worse then death. Give us a Command over, or strength against our evil Inclinations, a perfect hatred of sin, and a love to thee above all the desires of this world; Be pleased to bless and preserve us this night from all sin and evil, all the violence of Chance, and all perils and dangers that either by reason of our Sins or Satans malice, or any evil instruments we might be Subject to, Let not any Spirits

of darkneſs prevail to hurt us: But be pleaſed to watch over us in our ſleep, and whether we ſleep or wake, let us be thy Servants. Be thou firſt and laſt in all our thoughts, and the guide and continual aſſiſtance of all our actions: preſerve our bodies, pardon the ſin of our Souls, and Sanctify our Spirits; Let us always live holily, and juſtly, and ſoberly; and when we die, receive our Souls into thine hands, O holy and ever bleſſed Jeſus, that we may lie in thy boſom, and long for thy coming, and hear thy bleſſed Sentence at dooms-day, and behold thy face,

face, and live in thy Kingdom, Singing praises to God for ever and ever, Amen. *Our Father, &c.*

## *A very Useful Prayer at any time.*

HEarken unto the voice of my cry, my King and my God; for unto thee will I pray: And open the door of my heart and Lips, (and the heart of us all) that we may render (as is most due) all Honour, Laud and Praise to Thee, O Lord God Almighty, most dear Father of Heaven, for all thy Mercies

and loving kindness shewed unto us. in that it hath pleased thy gracious Goodness, freely and of thine own accord, to elect and chuse us to the means of Grace and Salvation (as we hope) even before the Beginning of the World. And even like continual Thanks be given unto Thee, for Creating us after thine own Image, for Redeeming us with the precious Blood of thy dear Son, when we were utterly lost, for Sanctifying us with thy Holy Spirit, in the Revelation and Knowledge of thy Word, for helping and succouring us in all our Needs and Necessities, for preserving us from

from past and many such great dangers of Body and Soul, as we might have been exposed to, or swallowed up and devoured by, for comforting us so Fatherly in all our Tribulations and Afflictions, for sparing us so long, and giving us so large a time of Repentance. These Benefits, O most merciful Father, like as we acknowledge to have received them of thy only Goodness, even so we beseech Thee for thy dear Son Jesus Christ's sake, to grant us alwayes thy Holy Spirit, whereby we may continually grow in Thankfulness towards Thee, and be led into all Truth, and

Comforted in all Adversities. O Lord strengthen our Faith, Kindle it more in Ferventness and Love towards Thee and our Neighbor for thy sake. Suffer us not, most dear Father, to receive thy Word any more in vain, but grant us alwayes the Assistance of thy Grace and Holy Spirit, that in Heart, Word and Deed we may sanctifie and do Worship to thy Name; Help to amplifie and increase thy Kingdom; And whatsoever thou sendest, Grant we may be heartily well content with thy good Pleasure and Will. Let us not lack the Thing, O Father, without the which we cannot

not well and comfortably serve Thee; but Bless thou so all the works of our Hands (all our Labours, Studies and Endeavors,) that we may have sufficient, and not be chargeable, but rather helpful to others. Be merciful, O Lord, to our Offences; and seeing our Debt is great which we intreat, and hope thou wilt be pleased to forgive us in Jesus Christ; Make us to Love Thee and our Neighbor so much the more. Be thou our Father, Captain and Defender in all temptations. Hold us by thy merciful Hand, that we may be delivered from all inconveniencies, and end our Lives

in the Sanctifying and Honouring of thy Holy Name, thorough Jesus Christ our Lord and only Saviour, *Amen.*

Let thy mighty Hand and out-stretched Arm, O Lord, be still our Defence, and thy Mercy and Loving Kindness in Jesus Christ thy dear Son our Salvation, thy true and Holy Word our Instruction, thy Grace and Holy Spirit our Comfort and Consolation, unto the End, and in the End, *Amen.*

## PENITENTIALS
### Which may serve also as a Preparation to the Lords Supper.

O Lord God of Mercy and Pardon, and tender Compassion, let thy good Spirit help our Infirmities, and make Intercession with us and for us. Give us a just Remembrance, a sad and serious apprehension of our sins; Teach us to bewail them with as great indignation and bitterness, as we have committed them with com-

complacency and delight. Let our Prayers and our Confession come into thy Presence, and obtain Mercy for us and Pardon. Let not thy Justice and severity so remember our sins, as to forget thine own Mercy; and though I have done that for which I deserve to be condemned, yet thou canst not lose that glorious Attribute, and hence flows comfort to us, and hopes of being saved. Spare us therefore O merciful God, for to Give Pardon to Sinners that confess their Sins, and beg forgiveness, is not impossible to thy Power, nor disagreeable to thy Justice, nor unusual to thy

Mercy

Mercy and sweetest Clemency. Blessed Jesus, acknowledge in us whatsoever is thine, and clense us from whatsoever is amiss. Have pity on us now in the time of Mercy, and condemn us not when thou comest to Judgement, for what profit is there in our Blood? Thou delightest not in the death of a Sinner, but in his Conversion there is Joy in Heaven: Be pleased therefore to deliver us from our sins, and save our Souls, that we may praise and magnifie thy Name to all Eternity. We are not worthy, O Lord, to look up to Heaven, which is the Throne of thy Purity;

for

for our Sins are more in number then the Hairs of our Heads, and our Hearts may justly fail us. Lord, be merciful to us sinful Creatures, that we have not lived according to thy Will, but too much in the vanity of our own thoughts, and have not loved Thee our God with all our Hearts, nor feared Thee with all our Soul, nor served Thee with all our Might, according to thy holy Precept, nor loved our Neighbour as our selves. Lord, be merciful to us unthankful Wretches, unthankful towards God that made us, and his Son that bought us, and that Holy Ghost

Ghost that has so sweetly supplied us with means of Grace, Hope, Help and Comfort; O Lord, pardon our too much self-love and pride, whether in our Hearts or our outward demeanour, impatient discontent and angry dispositions; Our envious thoughts toward Others; our too much Negligence in and about our selves or others, whether in temporal or eternal Concern: Let not the sins of an over-indulgent Curiosity and sensual Appetite rise up in Judgement against us: Let not Improvidence, Uncharitableness or earthly-Mindedness condemn us; But be

merciful

merciful to our ſinful miſcarriages in any of theſe kinds. Our Eyes, O Lord, have been too apt to wander after Vanity, our Eares to Liſten, our Hands to Act, and Hearts to conceive things not convenient, to the Offence of Thee our God, the Wrong of our Neighbour, and the harm of our own weak, yet ſinful Souls. Alas, our whole Life is little elſe but a Scene of Sin, acted over and over, beyond expreſſion, beyond imagination. Our ſecret Sins, O Lord, are innumerable; Sins ſecret to our ſelves through inadvertency, forgetfulneſs, wilful ignorance

rance or ſtupid negligence, ſecret to the World, committed before Thee only, and under the Witneſs of our own Conſciences; we may well be confounded with the multitude of them, and the horrour of their Remembrance; Yet we know, O Lord, that thou art a merciful God, that thou mayeſt be called upon in a time accepted, and thy mercy is a ſweet and a ſafe Sanctuary; We therefore beſeech Thee in the Bowels of thy tender Compaſſions to look upon us, not as we are in our ſelves, but in the Face and Mediation of Jeſus Chriſt; and Give us Grace to look upon

upon our ſelves, to examine our own wayes, to try and ſearch our own Hearts, to leave no Sin unrepented of; Open our Eyes that we may ſee them, open our Hearts that we may mourn for them, ſtrengthen our Endeavors to ſtrive againſt them, againſt that Sin that does ſo eaſily beſet us, and againſt thoſe corruptions that do Lodge within us. Make us truly to conſider with our ſelves what we have done, what adventurous courſes we have taken, how Holy a Name it is we have profaned, how righteous a Law that we have broken, how good a Spirit that we have

have grieved, how righteous a Father that we have provoked. And by these Considerations weary and shame us out of our Sins into the true Trade of Piety and Love of thy Holy Name, that Loving Thee we may seek Thee, and in seeking Thee find Thee, and in finding Thee hold Thee, and in holding Thee, we may apply our selves to walk in those Wayes that are approveable in thy Sight: For the time past of our Lives it may suffice, for it is enough, O Lord, it is enough, and too too much, that we have spent the prime of our years, and the first-fruits of our time in

the vanities of this World, and the lusts of our Flesh hitherto: O give us Grace so to order our steps, that we may so consecrate the remaining part of our time to thy Service hereafter; that we may grow forward from Grace to Grace, from Vertue to Vertue, from one degree of Righteousness to another, and in the End of our dayes enjoy likewise the End of our Hopes even the Salvation of our sinful Souls in Jesus Christ: Be merciful unto us, O Lord, be merciful unto us in these our Requests: Mercifully incline thine Ear unto our Prayers, Despise us not, O Lord, for we are thy

thy Creatures; Despise us not, O thou that didst die for us; Cast us not away in thine anger, for thou camest to seek us, and to save us. Say unto every one of our Souls, I am thy Salvation; Let thy Holy Spirit lead us from the Errours of our Ways into the Paths of Righteousness, to great degrees of Repentance, and through all the Parts of a Holy Life, to a Godly and a Holy Death. Grant this, O dear God and Blessed Saviour, for thy Mercies and for thy pity sake. *Amen.*

O Lord GOD Bleſſed for ever; and O dear Saviour, eternal Judge of Quick and Dead: The Remembrance of our Sins ſhould make us even tremble at the horrour of our Guilt, when we conſider our own deſervings, and the dreadful Majeſty of thy Power and Might, the Purity of thine Eyes that cannot behold iniquity, thine hatred of Sin, and the ſtrictneſs and ſeverity of thy Juſtice againſt impenitent Sinners: Where, O where ſhall we appear, when thou comeſt

comest to judge the World with Equity, and the Nations that inhabit the Earth; yet, O thou, that inhabitest Eternity, and dwellest in the Highest Heavens, with him also of a contrite Heart and an Humble Spirit, and that trembleth at thy words; Give us, O Lord, such contrite Hearts, such Meek and Humble Spirits, as may make us meet Objects, capable of thy Compassion and Mercy; O Give us Grace to Mourn and Lament for our Sins; earnestly and seriously to Repent for them, to bewail, forsake and leave them; Not only those grosser Sins that Nature

ſtartles at, but even thoſe leſs regarded, little noted Sins that are yet abominable in thy Sight; O the Corruptions of our Hearts, the Vileneſs of our Affections and Deſires, and ſinful Longings after Iniquity, Tranſgreſſion and Sin! the Depravedneſs of our Wills, the Darkneſs of our Underſtandings, the Defilement of our Conſciences, the miſ-Employment of our Wit and Memory, and all our Faculties & powers of Soul and Body out of order, out of Frame! The abuſe of our tongues, our itching ears our luſting eyes, our coveting hands our haughty looks, and hearts

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ready and apt to all that is evil. If thou shouldest be extream to make all that is amiss in us, Alas! O Lord, who could be able to abide or stand in thy presence! O turn the eyes of thy divine clemency with a gracious aspect upon poor wretched sinners, open the Bowels of thy mercy, and receive us into favour, O dear God, let thy grace speedily work that in us, for which thou hast so long spared us, and to which thou didst (we hope) design us in thy holy purposes, and mercies of Eternity, even a true faith and a holy life; conformable to thy will, and in order to

Eternal blessedness. Remember thou, O Lord, in mercy; and let us remember to our comfort, the many Fatherly expressions and Examples of thy mercies to Repenting Sinners, thy delight in our conversion, thy Unwillingness to destroy us, thy earnest Invitation of us to grace and life, thy displeasure at our danger and miseries, the infinite variety of means thou useſt to bring us from the gates of death, and to make us happy to Eternity. These mercies, O Lord, are so Essential to thee, that thou canst not but be infinitely pleased in demonstrations of them. Remember not, O Lord,

Lord, how we have despised thy mercies, Slighted thy Judgments, neglected thy Commandments; But now at length Establish in us great contrition for our sins, lead us on to humble confession, and forsaking of them, and let thy grace make us bring forth fruits meet for Repentance, fruits of Justice, of hope, of charity, of Religion and devotion, that we may be what thou delightest in, holy and Just and merciful, vessels prepared for honour, temples of the holy Ghost, and Instruments of thy praises to all Eternity, O Blessed Jesus, who livest and reignest ever one God, world without

end. *Amen.* O Lord Jesu Christ, Son of the Eternal God, interpose thy Holy Death, thy Cross and Passion, between thy Judgment and our Souls, now and in the Hour of Death, granting unto us Grace and Mercy, to all faithful people Pardon and peace, to the Church Unity and Amity, and to all Sinners Repentance and Amendment, to us all Life and Glory everlasting, who livest and reignest ever one God World without End. *Amen.*

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## Before the Communion.

O My Saviour Jesu Christ, Holy and Eternal God, although I be unworthy to receive Thee into the House of my Soul, by reason of mine innumerable Sins and Offences committed against thy great Goodness: Yet, O Lord, give me Faith, I beseech Thee, to trust in thy great pity and mercy which is infinite, thy tender Compassions which never fail to the Repenting Soul, that if thy gracious Favour and Pro-

vidence permit, I may come to receive thy most Blessed Body, as a sick Creature, to thee that art the Health of Life: unclean to Thee that art the Well-Spring of Mercy, and Fountain of Eternal purity: I come as blind by Ignorance, to Thee that art the Light Everlasting; I come needy of Grace and Power, or Strength in Vertue, to Thee that art the King of Heaven and Earth: Naked of Works to Thee that art the only Author of Grace. I come as a Wretch to Thee my Lord and Maker: All desolate and comfortless to Thee my Help and Succour; for without Thee

Thee there is no Consolation, no true and sound Comfort. I come as a Sinner to Thee, that art the Mediator and Mean betwixt God and Man: I come all Sinful, to Thee the Purchaser of Pardon, the Granter of Forgiveness, and Forgiver of Sin; I come dead by Sin to Thee that art the Restorer of Life; And being evil in my self, I come to Thee that art all Goodness, meekly desiring, and humbly entreating Thee to heal mine Infirmity and Sickness, to wash away my Sin and Filthiness, to Lighten my Blindness, to Reduce and bring me back to the right

way, whensoever I wander and go wrong, or astray from the right path. Have mercy on my wretchedness, pardon my Sinfulness, and give me the light of grace, thus buried in sin, that I may receive thee the true bread of life, with such chastity of body, with such pureness and cleanness of Soul, with such contrition of heart and abundance of weeping tears, yet with such spiritual Joy and gladness, with such dread and reverence, with such faith in thy Promises, hope of thy mercies and Charity towards all, with such Obedience and Humility, with such love, devotion, fait[illegible]fulness and thankfulness,

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as is best beseeming for such a Lord to be received, and to my Soul most expedient. O Sweet God, be not displeased, that I a poor sinner with an unclean heart and polluted mind desire to approach unto thee, and if thou please, draw near to thy Table, to receiv thy precious body in Sacramental Bread and Wine. Remember (O merciful Lord) that thou didst not put back the sinful *Magdalen* (being penitent) from the kissing of thy Feet. And in likewise, despise not me, neither put thou me away as unworthy, from the receving of thy Body and blood in the blessed Sacrament, for

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my ſins and unkindneſs: but grant me, O Lord, compunction of heart, with plenty of tears, or at leaſt ſuch true ſorrow for my ſins as cauſeth Repentance to Salvation, that my ſins and wickedneſs may be waſhed away in the blood of thy dear Son; my Soul cleanſed from ſin, and my conſcience throughly purged from evil works, that ſo I may with a pure heart and clean conſcience eat of thy Fleſh, and drink of the Blood of thee, O my Saviour, to my Souls health, that I may obtain by thy Goodneſs, everlaſting life, with all thy holy Saints in the glory of Heaven; and

in the mean space, during this mortal life here below, grant me, O Lord, to be so replenished with the graces of thy good Spirit, taking possession of my Soul, that it may never admit any other lover beside thee, any in Competition or comparison with thee. Enter into me, O sweet Saviour, Be thou, Lord of me and all my faculties, preserv me with great mercy and tenderness, that no doubting or infidelity, no impenitence or remanent affection to a Sin, no impurity or irreverence may make me unworthy or uncapable of thy glorious approach; And, O Lord, feed

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my Soul with bread from Heaven, fill me with charity, Conform me to thy Will in all things, save me from all dangers Bodily and Ghostly, assist, support and Guide Me in all doubts and fears, prepare and strengthen Me against all Surreptions and sudden Incursions of Temptations; Clense Me from all stains of Sin, and Grant me so to receive the Sacrament of bread and Wine, that though utterly unworthy of myself, yet by thy gracious acceptation, I may be admitted as worthy to be accounted a Member of thy Mystical Body here on Earth, and in the Number of thine Elect

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and chosen Servants.

Come thou Father of the Fatherless; Come thou Comfort of the comfortless, and clense my Soul from all contagiousness of Sin. Come and apparel my Soul with such Ornaments of Vertue and Grace, that it may delight thee therein to abide; and as thou disdainest not to touch the foul Lepers with thy most holy and blessed Hands: So, good Lord, I humbly beseech Thee, that thou wilt be pleased to vouchsafe to anoint my poor and simple Soul with the holy Ointment of Remission and Pardon, that in this life, by stedfast hope, firm faith and perfect

fect Charity, I may ſtill ſo encreaſe in Vertue from day to day, that I may at laſt attain the happy Fruition of thy Glory in the Kingdom of Heaven, where I may ſee Thee Face to Face, Sitting at the right Hand of God the Father, to whom with Son and Holy Ghoſt, be all Glory and Honour, World without End. *Amen.*

TO me, O Lord, belongs nothing but ſhame and confuſion of Face eternally; But to Thee, O Lord God, belongeth Mercy and Forgiveneſs, though I have Re-

belled against Thee: O Remember not my Sins and Offences, but according to thy Mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy Goodness: Thou sentest thy Son to seek and to save that which was lost; Behold, O Lord, I have gone astray like a lost sheep, O seek thy Servant, and bring Me back to the Shepherd and Bisho of my soul: Let thy Spirit work in me an hearty sense and detestation of all my Abominations, that true Contrition of Heart, which thou hast promised not to despise. And then be thou pleased to look on me, to take away all iniquity, and receive

receive me graciously; and for his sake who hath done nothing amiss, be reconciled to me, who have done Nothing well; Wash away the guilt of my Sins in his Blood, and subdue the Power of them by his grace: and grant, O Lord, that I may from henceforth bid a Final adiew to all ungodliness and worldly lust, and consecrate my self Entirely to serve thee in Righteousness and true Holiness, as dead unto sin and alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Blessed Saviour. *Amen.*

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## *After the Communion*

Blessed be thy Name, O gracious Redeemer, for these pledges of thy love, these tokens of thy Favour, and Seals of a pardon for all my Sins. And let me now by thy Strengthening grace for ever hereafter Endeavor to forsake the worlds sinful delights and wicked pleasures, the Baits of the flesh and the devils morsels, striving against all that Body of sin and death, the snares that do so easily beset me, and those corruptions that lodg within me

me that contrariwise I may be more and more united unto thee, and grow from grace to grace, from strength to strength, till I come to the full measure of a perfect man (age) in Christ Jesus. *Amen.*

O Thou fountain of all Goodness, from whom every good and perfect gift cometh, and to whom all honour and glory should be returned, I desire and O let it be with all the most fervent and Inflamed affections of a grateful heart to bless and

and praise thee, for those inestimable mercies thou hast vouchsafed me Lord, what is man, that thou shouldest so regard him, as to send thy Beloved Son to suffer such bitter things for him? But, Lord, what am I, wretched man, that I should have any part in this atonement, who have so often despised him, and his Sufferings? O the height and depth of this mercy of thine, that art pleased to admit me to the renewing of that Covenant with thee, which I have so often and so perversely broken! That I who am not worthy of that dayly bread, which sustains the Body, should be made partaker

partaker of this bread of life, which nourisheth the Soul, and that the God of all purity should vouchsafe to unite himself to so polluted a wretch! O my God, suffer me no more, I beseech thee, to turn thy grace into wantonness to make thy mercy an occasion of Security, But let this unspeakable love of thine constrain me to obedience, that since my Blessed Lord hath dyed for me, I may no longer live unto my self, but to him: O Lord, I know, there is no concord between Christ and Belial, therefore since he hath now been pleased to enter my heart, O let me never permit

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any lust to chase him thence; but let him that hath so dearly bought me, still keep possession of me, and let nothing ever take me out of his Hand. To this end be thou graciously pleased to watch over me, and defend me from all assaults of my ghostly enemies, but especially deliver me from my self, from the treachery of mine own heart, which is too willing to yield it self a prey; And where thou seest I am either by Nature or Custom most weak, there do thou, I beseech Thee, magnifie thy Power in my Preservation, [*Here mention thy most dangerous temptations*]

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And Lord, let my Saviours sufferings for my sins, and the bonds I have now entred against them, never depart from my Mind; let the remembranee of the one enable me to make good the other, that I may never make truce with those lusts which nailed his Hands, pierced his Side, and made his Soul heavy to the death: But that having now anew listed my self under his Banner, I might fight manfully, and follow the Captain of my Salvation, (if he call me to it) even through a Sea of Blood. Lord, lift up my Hands that hang down, and my feeble Knees, that

that I faint not in this Warfare; O be thou my ſtrength who m not able of my ſelf to ſtruggle with the Slighteſt Temptations. How often have I turned my Back in the day of Battel? How many of theſe Sacramental Engagements have I broken? And Lord, I have ſtill the ſame unconſtant deceitful heart to betray me to the Breach of this. O Thou, who art Yea and Amen, in whom there is no Shadow of Change, communicate to me, I beſeech thee, ſuch a Steddineſs of mind, that I may no more thus Start aſide like a broken Bow; But that having my heart whole with

thee, I may continue Stedfast in thy Covenant, that not one good purpose, which thy Spirit hath raised, or shall raise in me may Vanish, as too many, I fear, have formerly done, but that they may bring forth Fruit unto Life Eternal. Grant this, O Merciful Father, through the Merits and Mediation of my Crucified Saviour. Amen.

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## *A Prayer of Intercession to be used either before or after the Receiving of the Sacrament, or Generally at any Time.*

O Most Gracious Lord, who so tenderly lovest Mankind, as to give thy dear Son out of thy Bosom to be a propitiation for the Sins of the whole World, Grant that the Effect of this Redemption may be as universal as the design of it, that it may be to the Salvation of All. O Let no person by

impenitence and wilfull Sin forfeit his part in it, but by the power of thy grace bring all, even the most obstinate Sinners, to Repentance. Enlighten all that sit in Darkness, all Jewes, Turks, Infidels, and Hereticks; take from them all blindness, hardness of heart, and Contempt of thy Word, and so fetch them home, Blessed Lord, unto thy Fold, that they may be Saved among the Number of the true Israelites. And for all those upon whom the Name of thy Son is called: Grant, O Lord, that their conversations may be such as becometh the Gospel of Christ; unite them

them to thee by purity and holiness; and to each other by brotherly Love. And let not the Name of Christ be (any longer) blasphemed among the Heathens through us. O Blessed Lord, how long shall *Christendom* continue the vilest part of the world, a Sink of many those abominable pollutions which even *Barbarians* detest, O Let not our profession and our practice be alwayes at so wide a distance. Let not the disciples of the holy and immaculate Jesus, be of all others the most prophane and impure. Let not the Subjects of the prince of peace be of all others the

most contentious and bloudy; But make us Christians indeed, as well as in Name, that we may walk worthy of that holy Vocation, wherewith we are called, and may all with one mind and one Mouth glorify thee the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Have mercy on this Languishing Church and Sinful Nation, look down from Heaven the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory; where is thy zeal and thy strength, the Sounding of thy Bowels & of thy mercies towards us? Are they restrained? Be not wroth very Sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity for ever;

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but though our backslidings are many, and we have grievously rebelled, yet according to all thy goodness, let thy anger and thy Fury be turned away, and cause thy Face to Shine upon thy Sanctuary, that it may not be desolate, for the Lords sake; and so separate between us and our Sins, that they may not separate between us and our God: make us so truly to repent of those Sins which provoke thy Judgments, that thou also mayest leave a Blessing behind thee. Save, Bless, Govern and direct all Christian Kings, princes and Governous, Especially those

whom thou hast set over us, whether in Church or State; So Rule their hearts and strengthen their hands, that they may neither want will nor power to punish wickedness and vice, and maintain Gods true Religion and vertue, and their own just rights against any that shall oppose them, that so under them and thy protection we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, in all Godliness and honesty. Bless in an especial manner them that wait at thine Altar, open thou their Lips that their Mouth may shew forth thy praise. O Let not the light of the world be put under bushels,

bushels, but place them in their Candlesticks, that they may give Light to all that are in the House. Let not any like *Jeroboams* Priests profane thy Service; But let thine own Chosen Gospel-Ministers, like the Seed of *Aaron*, still Minister before Thee. And O thou Father of mercies, and God of all Comfort, Succour and Relieve all that are in affliction; deliver the outcast and poor, help them to right that Suffer wrong; Let the Sorrowful Sighing of the prisoners come before thee, and according to the greatness of thy power, preserve thou those that are appoint-

ed to dy; Be a Father to the Fatherless, and plead the cause of the widow, comfort the Feeble minded, Support the weak, heal the sick, relieve the needy, defend the oppressd, grant ease to those that are in pain, Supplies to those that suffer want, and administer to every one according to their several necessities. Give to all presumptuous Sinners a Sense of their Sins, and to all despairing a Sight of thy mercies; and do thou, O Lord, for every one abundantly above what they can ask or think. Forgive my enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts. Pour down

down thy Blessings on all my kindred according to the flesh, on all my Relations, Friends and Benefactors: Let all that are or should be near and dear unto me, be near and dear unto Thee; All who have commended themselves to my prayers, or for whom I owe that Duty in a more especial manner [*here thou mayest Name particular Persons, or near Relations*] and grant whatsoever thou seest necessary either for their Bodies or Souls. Reward all those that have done me good, pardon all those that have done or wisht me evil, and work in them and me all

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that good, which may make us acceptable in thy Sight. And grant O Merciful Father, that through that Bloud of the Croſs, we may all be preſented pure & unblameable, and unreprovable in thy Sight; that ſo we may be admitted into that place of purity, where no unclean thing can Enter, there to Sing Eternal praiſes to the Father, Son, and Holy Ghoſt for ever, thorough Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, *Amen.*

*For performance of Duty in the whole Church in General.*

WE Beseech Thee, O Merciful God our Lord Jesus Christ, Be pleased to grant that we being wrought upon by the inspiration of thy holy Spirit, may attentively hear thy Word, and keep it, and being instructed therby that the wages of Sin is death, we may heartily bewail our Sins, and Fly unto thee alone, O Blessed Saviour, who art

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the Reſurrection and the Life, for pardon & forgiveneſs. And foraſmuch as we are daily Surrounded with infinite dangers, vouchſafe to grant that the Spirit may make interceſſion for us, with Groans which cannot be uttered, as there is need; that being Redeemed through thy mercy from our Sins, and Saved by thy Gracious defence and Succour from imminent, or impending danger, we may give thee alone the praiſe, to whom all praiſe is due and by whom alone all good things come unto us. For what can our poverty do, but beg of thee moſt Rich in all

all good things, and render thee thanks for things Enjoyed and received? This is the honor, worship, and Service of the new Testament, which we ow [unto thee,] and thou requirest [of us]. And forasmuch as we are members of thy Mystical Body, and every member hath its proper use, let us most heartily beseech thee, that every one attending upon his own calling, may not be weary of wel-doing therein, and of the Duties belonging to his own proper place and employment [or Function] That we may not through vain Curiosity Busy ourselves about thos things

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that belong unto others and not unto us, that we be not found more Carping fault-finders in others pains and diligence, than carefully and industriously endeavouring to do the good we ought in the Duties of our own place and Station. That the eye, though more Noble and excellent, despise not the feet as more mean and placed below it, nor the hands being Deaf and Sightless, take upon them the discernment of the eyes and Ears, which neither is Suitable to them, nor they capable of; as we often see inferiours forward no less freely than fitly and Simply

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to Censure those that are far above them. But grant, that every one may diligently do and perform, that which according to his calling lies upon him; He that is to teach ordering his teaching so, that it may be most duly embraced and readily received, he whose Office is to Minister, that he may competently answer the Duty laid upon him, he that is to exhort others, that he mind and study things Suitable to Exhortation; He that is to distribute or give to others, that he do it with Singleness; and who so Rules, that he rule with care and watchful diligence,

gence; He that hath means to bestow upon the poor, that he bestow with free heart and Chearfulness. And grant that we may be like affected in the callings of this Life; Let every one bear his own Condition with a contented mind, whether the Lord please to make him a Magistrate or Officer, or whether he set one in the place of a very Swineheard, or to undertake any Charge more base, for thou, O most Rigteous Lord, who regardest not the gloriousness of the employment, but the obedience of him that Executes and performs it, that faithfully endeavours

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to discharge and do his duty therein. It will abundantly Suffice to quiet the mind and Conscience, when we know that that is pleasing to God, which we are about, and that it is Commanded and appointed by the Lord, In labour and Travail shalt thou eat thy Bread. Let us not as disobedient to this word perish in Idleness and Luxury, nor seek our own things, but others good, and the things that pertain to the Lord Jesus Christ Grant us mutual love one to another, to be of one heart, like minded, merciful, Gentle, easy to be entreated; not returning

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evil for evil, or Railing for Railing, but contrariwise Blessing. And look what we expect from others, that we be in like manner ready to do the same to others, that we may in all things fulfill the Law of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## *A Prayer for Grace*

O Most Gracious God from whom every good and perfect gift cometh, I wretched Creature that am not able of my self so much as to think a good thought, beseech thee to work in me both

both to will and to do according to thy good pleasure. Inlighten my mind that I may know thee, and let me not be Barren or unfruitful in that knowledge; Lord work in my heart a true faith, a purifying Hope, and an unfeigned Love towards thee and thy Word; with an hearty and ready obedience to thy Will. Give me a full Trust on thee, zeal for thee, Reverence of all things that relate to thee, make me fearful to offend thee, ready and willing to obey thee. Thankful for thy mercies, humble under thy Corrections, devout in thy Service, Sorrowful and truly penitent

penitent for my Sins; and grant that in all things I may behave my self so, as befits a Creature to his Creator, a Servant to his Lord, and a Ransomed Captive to his Redeemer and Benefactor; Enable me likewise to perform that Duty I ow to my self; give me that meekness, Humility and contentedness, whereby I may alwayes possess my Soul in patience and thankfulness; make me diligent in all my Duties, watchful against all Temptations, perfectly pure and Temperate, and so moderate in my most Lawful Enjoyments, that they never become a

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Snare to me; make me also O Lord to be so affected towards my Neighbour, that I never transgress that Royal Law of thine, of loving him as my self, grant that I may, as much as in me lyes, Deal Justly with all men, not Invading any Mans Right, or Coveting that which is another's, but contrariwise yielding to all whatsoever by any kind of Right becomes their due, Obedience, to whom Obedience; Fear, to whom Fear; Honour, to whom Honour; Tribute, to whom Tribute is due. Willingly owing nothing to any, but rendering and paying to everyone, whether Superiour,

Superiour, Inferiour, or equal, whatsoever is Justly and truly his Right. And give me such Bowels of mercy and Compassion, that I may never fail to do all acts of Charity to all men, whether Friends or Enemies, according to thy Command and Example; Finally, I beseech Thee, O Lord, to Sanctify me throughout, that my whole Spirit, and Soul and Body may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all Honour and Glory for ever. Amen. Grant these thy mercies for Jesus Christ his sake.

sake, our Lord and only Saviour. Amen.

## *A Prayer for a Sick Person.*

O Lord, Glorious God, Gracious, merciful and Loving Father, I beseech thee to hear my complaint, and Grant me strength to pour out my Prayer before thee; O God I have Sinned, I have Sinned and done wickedly; I have all my life Run from sin to sin, I have Transgressed, I have done so bad, and so many wayes bad, that I know not how to Remember. or

how to Speak of them, yet, O merciful Saviour, return unto me, that I may have a feeling of that good Spirit in me, to make my heart also turn unto thee by true and unfeigned Repentance for my Sins. And let not the Sins of my Youth, nor the iniquity of that time or any other, lye upon me; O God, as thou art laying thy Hand of affliction [or Chastisement] upon me, so I entreat thee to Arm me with Patience to bear this Visitation, with humble submission to thee. If it be thy will to take me out of this Transitory life, prepare me so, O Good God, and fit me, that I may be received into

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thy Kingdom. Arm and strengthen me to bear the burthen hereof patiently, to undergo this my affliction willingly, and to withstand Temptations manly, and receive thy Correction cheerfully. But Alas! unless thou help, what am I, O God? a Worm, a poor dejected wretch. I have no comfort, but from thee, & of thee, therefore, Lord, I Fly unto thee, beseechingthee either to restore me to health, and withal to amendment of Life, or else to receive me, and to take me into thy Kingdom of Glory. Lord cease my pain, ease my Grief, strengthen my weakness, [Comfort my Sadness]

Lord, I entreat thee to grant, that neither the Devil, nor the World may any way prevail to Tempt me, but Grant me strength to overcome all. Send thy Good Angels to keep and Conduct me, both in Sickness and in health, and grant I may not fear Death, but that I may be Fitted and prepared for it; yet, if it may be thy Gracious will, let me recover a little strength, and Spare me a little, before I go hence and be no more seen. ⊙ Grant that I may find thy Grace now working for my good in me; that if it be thy will to take me hence, Lord receive me unto thee, and then come Lord Jesus,

Jesus, come unto my Soul, and save me, and so, O Lord, I commit and commend my self unto thee, saying, *Our Father*, &c

## *Another for a Sick Person.*

O Merciful and Righteous Lord, the God of health and of Sickness, of life and of Death, I must unfeignedly acknowledge, that my great abuse of those many dayes of strength and welfare, which thou hast afforded me, hath most justly deserved thy present Visitation. I desire, O Lord, humbly to accept of this punishment of mine iniquity, and to bear the Indignation

of the Lord, becauſe I have Sinned againſt him. And, O thou merciful Father, who deſigneſt not the Ruine, but the amendment of thoſe whom thou Scourgeſt, I beſeech thee, by thy Grace ſo to Sanctify this Correction of thine to me, that this Sickneſs of my body may be a meanes of health to my Soul; make me diligent to ſearch my heart, and do thou, O Lord, enable me to diſcover every accurſed thing, how cloſely ſoever concealed there, that by the Removal thereof, I may make way for the Removal of this puniſhment. Heal my Soul, O Lord, which hath Sinned againſt thee; and Then, if it be

be thy Blessed will, heal my body also; Restore the Voice of Joy and Health unto my Dwelling, that I may live to praise thee, and to bring forth fruits of Repentance. But if in thy wisdom thou hast otherwise disposed, if thou hast determined, that this Sickness shall be unto Death, I beseech thee to fit and prepare me for it: Give me that Sincere and earnest Repentance, to which thou hast promised mercy and pardon; wean my Heart from the world, and all its fading vanities, and make me to Gasp and pant after those more excellent and durable Joyes, which are at thy Right

Hand for ever. Lord, lift thou up the Light of thy Countenance upon me, and in all the pains of my Body, in all the Agonies of my Spirit, let thy Comforts Refresh my Soul, and enable me patiently to wait till my Change come. And Grant, O Lord, that when my earthly House of this Tabernacle is dissolved, I may have a Building of God, an House not made with hands, Eternal in the Heavens; and that for his sake, who by his precious Bloud hath purchased it for me, even Jesus Christ.

## A Prayer at Visiting the Sick.

O Eternal God, forasmuch as thine Apostle hath told us, that the prayer of faith shall save the Sick, and thou wilt raise him up, and if he have committed Sins they shall be forgiven him. We come unto thee in the behalf of our Diseased and distressed Friend [Brother, Sister, Neighbour] Visited under thine Hand. Speak comfortably, O Lord, unto his [her] Soul: Seal unto his Conscience the free and full pardon

and forgiveneſs of all his Sins. Have mercy upon him, and according to the multitude of thy mercies do away all his offences; blot all his Sins out of thy Remembrance. Grant him thy grace to bear willingly this Croſs, the Croſs of Sickneſs; to drink chearfully of this Cup, the Cup of affliction; to endure patiently this Yoak, the Yoak of Tribulation: and to Suffer meekly this Rod, the Rod of Correction, He hath Received good things of thee, make him Content to receive evil alſo, if thy will be ſo. As heretofore he Rejoyced in his health, ſo teach him now hopes of Joy, to Comfort him

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in his Sickness, and as through thy mercy, he was not ashamed to live, So, by thy Grace, let him not be afraid to die, because, we hope, his Life is hid with Christ in Heaven.

Let the Sweet feeling and Taste of a lively faith, discast all filthy corruptions in him, and as the good *Samaritan*, into the Smarting wounds of Tribulation, instill the Suppling Oyl of Comfort, whereby he may be able to endure those Troubles which otherwise might be intolerable to him. Strengthen his memory, whereby to call upon thy Gorious Name. Settle his Spirits, they maynot wander and Fly out into any unruly motions.

motions. Lay thy finger upon his Lips, that they may not let Fly into Curſing or Blaſphem ng thy Holineſs, or into any vain Language. Take from his eyes all delighting in this frail world; and if thou intend to take him hence, Let his Soul make ready only for a Voyage to Heaven. Set thy Saving mark upon his Soul, and give order to thedeſtroyer that he hurt it not. But as after a well ended good Fight, under his Captain and Protector the Lord Jeſus, let him now triumphantly exult and ſay; O Death, where is thy Sting? O Hell, where is thy victory? I thank thee, O Lord, who haſt

hast given me victory by Jesus Christ.

Be merciful unto us here present, who as fellow-feeling members of one body, adore thy holy Name, and implore thy Divine help for this thy Servant; Grant him assistance of thy Spirit to the last gasp, and us hopeful assurance to be heard of thee for him, and all others upon the like Occasion. We could wish and heartily desire, O Lord, thou wouldest Speak to this our Friend, as thou didst unto that thy Servant, when thou saydst, *Arise, take up thy Bed, and walk.* And, O that it might be even so unto this thy Servant! But yet

Alas!

Alas! we know not, whether we ask aright, or not; Not our will, O Lord, but thine be fulfilled. Let faith assure him, that he shall but do, what we know all do, that die in the Lord Jesus; Namely Change this life transitory for Eternity; Cast off mortality, and be Clothed with Immortality and that this light affliction, which is but for a moment, shall lead him unto a far more Excellent, and Eternal weight of Glory. And make us, we pray thee, all wise unto Salvation, teach us so to number our dayes aright, that we may apply our hearts unto Wisdom. Give both unto this thy Servant, and

and to all of us here before thee, Grace willingly, at thy call, to forsake this present evil world, and so to live in thy fear, that we may die in thy Favour, and so live with thee for ever hereafter. Grant this, for Jesus Christ his sake, our Lord and only Saviour. *Amen.*

## *Another Prayer for Comfort to the Sick.*

O Almighty, everliving, and everloving Lord God, and most merciful Father, who hast taught us out of thy holy word, that our lives are but as a Shadow, our days as vanity, and our years no-

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thing in comparison with thee, and that it is appointed for all to die. Now we are in this House of Mourning, let us all be admonished of our latter end, and bethink what afterward shall become of us. Happy is the Soul which departing from the earthly Tabernacle of this Body, goeth directly into Heaven: secure it is and quiet, and feareth neither grief, nor Enemies tongues, nor death. For rejoycing it enjoyeth continually thy Presence, O God. And we know, that if this earthly House of this Tabernacle be destroyed, we have a Building given of God, that is, an

House

House not made with Hands, but Eternal in the Heavens. The Eye hath not seen, the Ear hath not heard, neither hath it entred into the Heart of Man to conceive the good things that God hath prepared for them that love him. When Christ shall say to the Christian Soul, as to his Spouse, Arise my Love, my Dove, my fair One, and come away; for behold the Winter is now past, and the Rain is changed and gone away: Come away, that thou mayest triumph in my Presence with my Angels, whose Company I have promised thee. After many perils and labours; come away, enter

enter into thy Maſters Joy, the which no Man ſhall take from thee. Oh happy are all thy Saints, O God, which having paſſed over the Sea of this Mortality, have attained unto that Haven of perpetual quietneſs, ſecurity and peace, where they are at reſt, and always joyful and merry. In mercy and love look upon us, and have a conſideration of our manifold miſeries. Teach us the way to find thee, and to come unto thee; Our Happineſs and Inheritance is in Heaven, why ſhould we fear to go thither and have it? why ſhould we not deſire to go thither, whither all the godly de-

deceased are gone before us? We see daily Examples of our own frailty, O thou, who art the Physician of Soul and Body, stretch forth, we beseech thee, thine Arm of Mercy toward this thy Servant, that both in life and death he may be relieved by thee, and evermore depend upon thee. Hear us, O Lord, that beg this at thine Hands, and hear him lifting up his Hands or Heart unto Thee, and begging Pardon for his sins: Open the Gates of Mercy, open the doors of thy saving Health, open thine Arms to receive him into thy favour, and to Save him from the Enemy, and the Avenger

Avenger. Adopt him for thine own, lay no more upon him, than (by thy ſupport) he is able to bear. If it be thy Will to add more dayes to his Life, comfort him the while, and as ſoon as it may pleaſe thee, turn his Weakneſs into Strength, and his Sickneſs into Health. However, ſo ſtir up his Heart, ſo inflame and inſpire his Mind, to perform all ſuch good things as thou requireſt, and may be profitable for his Soul, that he may be prepared for thee, whenſoever thou ſhalt call for him, and ſo hear thine heavenly Voice ſounding in his Ear, Come and enter into thy Maſters

Joy

Joy; Come thou blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom which was prepared for thee from the beginning of the World. Grant this, O Lord, for thy Sons sake, in whose Name we further intreat Thee, saying, *Our Father, &c.*

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*I see I exceed mine intended Brevity; But let the Weightiness of the Work in the duties of Repentance, the moment of our Life and Time in a state of Sickness, plead mine Excuse.*

## A Prayer for a Blessed ending in either Health or Sickness.

O Eternal and everloving Lord God, and O Blessed Jesus, Saviour of the world, Fountain of Eternal mercy, the Life of the Soul, and Glorious Conquerour over Death and Sin, I humbly beseech thee to pardon my Sins, and give me Grace so to Spend this Transitory Life in vertuous and holy exercises, that when the day of my Death shall come, in the midst

midst of all my pains I may feel the Sweet refreshings of thy holy Spirit comforting my Soul, Sustaining my Infirmities, and Relieving all my Spiritual necessities: And grant [ when thy will is ] that in the Unity of the holy Catholick Church, and in the integrity of Christian faith, with a wel-Grounded Confidence and hope of thy mercy, in great Love towards thee, in peace with my Neighbors, and in Charity with all the world, I may through thy Grace depart hence out of this Veil of misery, and go unto that glorious Countrey, where thou hast purchased an inheritance

inheritance for us with the price of thy most precious bloud, and Reignest in it Gloriously in the Unity of thy Father and ours, of thy holy Spirit and our Ghostly Comforter, ever one God world without end, *Amen.*

## *A Prayer to be used at the beginning of a Sickness*

O Lord my God, who Chastiseth every one whom thou receivest, and with thy Fatherly Correction Smitest all those, whom thou consignest to the inheritance

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of Sons; write my Soul in the Book of Life, and Number me amongst thy Children, whom thou art pleased to strike with the Rod of Sickness, and bring by thy Chastisements (I hope) into the Lot of the Righteous. Thou, O Blessed Jesus, art a Helper in the needful time of trouble; lay no more upon me, than thou shalt enable me to bear, and let thy Gentle Correction in this Life prevent the insupportable stripes of thy Vengeance in the Life to come. If thou Smite me now, let it be so, that thou mayest Spare me to all Eternity: and yet, O Blessed High Priest, who art touched with a Sense

of our infirmities, Smite me Friendly, and reprove me with such a tenderness, as thou beareſt unto thy Children, to whom thou conveyeſt Supply of Suppling Comforts, greater then the pains of Chaſtiſement, and in thy good time reſtore me to health, and to thy Solemn Aſſemblies again, and to the joy of thy Countenance. Give me patience and humility, and the Grace of Repentance, and that I may Recommend and Reſign my ſelf to thy pleaſure and providence, beſeeching thee to give me will and ability to do and Bear all things what thou wouldſt have me, and then do what thou

thou pleaſeſt with me; Only in health or Sickneſs, in Life or death, let me feel thy Comforts refreſhing my Soul, and let thy grace pardon all my Sins. Grant this, O merciful God, and O Bleſſed Jeſus, for my truſt is in thee Only; thou art my God and my merciful Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

## *A Prayer before the Taking of Phyſick.*

O Lord God, the only great and Mighty Phyſician both of Soul and Body; who haſt Created the

Physician, and given unto Physick whatsoever virtue or goodness it has to work for, either preservation of the Life, or restoring of the health of Man, who healedst *Hezekiahs* Sore with a Plaister, the eyes of one born Blind with an Oyntment of Clay and Spittle, *Naaman* the *Syrians* Leprosy with washing; who willedst thy Children to use the means for the Curing of Sickness and Recovering of Health. Let me not do wrong to mine own Soul, or dishonour to thine Almighty power by doubting of thy sufficiency and goodness to Restore by means, as I know, thou canst without

without and against, and above means. Let me not tempt thee by neglecting means, whilst in thy providence thou afford'st it, nor despair of thy goodness and power if thou shouldst deny it. Let me not seek to other help then thou alowedst and affordest in thy workes of Creation and providence, and the Ministry of thy good Creatures; Let me so use, as not to depend on the means, but thee and thy blessing thereof. And upon thine infinite goodness and mercy let me Rest, with the bended knees of an humble heart, beseeching thee to Sanctify the Physick I am to

receive; and to direct unto and bless this and all other needful and helpful means to my ease and good, that it may remove or abate such pain and Sickness as doth affect and afflict my Body. And having in some competent measure recovered my health, I beseech thee, that during that term of time, which thou hast appointed for mine abode here upon Earth, I may happily hold and enjoy the same. Grant me, O Lord in all my Sickness, patience, and not to repine at any affliction which thou shalt lay upon me; and in health give me providence, whereby carefully to prevent all such sickness,

as Sin might bring upon me. Encreaſe my Faith, Further my Repentance, and let thy Grace and mercy never be wanting unto me, but in the midſt of all my pangs and extremity, ſo aſſiſt me with thine holy Spirit, that I may freely Reſign upboth my Soul and Body into thy moſt Gracious protection and Cuſtody. And as *Davids* troubles made him pray, and *Hezekiahs* Sickneſs made him to weep, and miſery drove the prodigal Child to return and ſue for his Fathers favour and mercy; and *Egypts* Burthens made *Iſrael* to cry unto thee, O God, ſo, I beſeech thee, that every

punishment and Chastisement of thine, may drive the rather to sue unto thee for thy saving health, pity, Compassion and Grace. And that none of mine afflictions may be unto the death of my Soul; but rather for the good both of my soul and Body. That my soul being sanctifyed by Grace, the more it is exercised with affliction, the nearer let it be lifted towards thee, O God. Grant this, O Holy Father; for Jesus Christ his sake, to whom with thee and the holy Ghost, be all Honour and Glory, both now and and evermore, Amen.

## A Thanksgiving for Recovery.

O Gracious Lord, the God of the spirits of all flesh, in whose hand my time is, I praise and magnifie thee, that thou hast (I hope,) in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of Corruption, and restored me to (such a measure of) health again; It is thou alone, O Lord, thou hast preserved my Life from destruction, thou hast chastned & corrected me, but thou hast not given me over unto Death. O Let this life, which thou hast thus graci-

ously spared, be wholly consecrated unto thee. Behold, O Lord, I am by thy mercy made whole, O make me strictly carful to sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto me. Lord, let not this Repriev thou hast now given me, make me secure, as thinking that my Lord delayeth his coming, but Grant me, I beseech thee, to make a Right use of this long suffering of thine, and so to employ the time thou shalt hencesorth allow me, that when thou shalt appear, I may have confidence and not be ashamed before thee at thy coming. Lord I have found by this approach towards death, how dread-

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ful a thing it is to be taken unprepared, O Let it be a perpetual admonition to me, to watch for my Masters coming. And when the pleasures of Sin shall present themselves to entice me, O make me to Remember, how bitter they will be at the last. O Lord hear me, and as thou hast in much mercy afforded me time, so grant me also grace to work out my own Salvation, to provide Oyl in my Lamp, that when the Bridegroom cometh, I may go in with him to the Marriage. Grant this, I beseech thee, for thy Dear Sons sake, to whom, &c.

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## *Another Thanksgiving and Prayer after Recovery.*

I Yield and Give unto thee, O merciful and most dear Father, all Humble Thanks, Honour, Glory and Praise for thy many and exceeding great Blessings, (having no way merited the least of them) and Namely for that it hath pleased thee of Late to deliver me from the [very point of death, or] danger whereof I was afraid, and (as it were) Raised my Feeble body from the Grave; and Redeemed my Soul from death,

death, that I should yet walk before thee in the Land of the Living, that I might further Glorify thy Name, do more good in my calling, and be made more meet for the Inheritance of thy Kingdom. This work, O Lord, proceeded from thy mercy, and no desert at all of mine, and of thy Grace, not of any goodness in me. Not unto me but unto thy Blessed Name be Given the Praise. And because, O Lord, I am apt to forget, too unthankful, and not so ready to Remember thy mercie, and overdull to all that good that we ought to mind and do, Stir up in me, O Lord, the

Spirit

Spirit of more and more thankfulneſs, devotion, piety and Charity; that being Renewed by thy Grace, I may live to thy Glory, be Guided by thy word, preſerved by thy providence, become an example of wayes well pleaſing before thee; and being Supplyed with all good things may paſs the reſt of my days in peace, to thy Glory and my own everlaſting Comfort, thorough Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, Amen.

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## For a Sick Child

O Lord God, merciful and Gracious, who pittiest those that fear thee, even as a Father pitieth his Children. Deal not with us after our Sins, neither reward us according to our iniquities. Look down in mercy, O Lord, upon the desires of thy Servants, and hear our Prayer. Thou knowest all our desires and our Groaning is not hid from thee. Be merciful, O Lord, be merciful unto us and to our Children; Especially this that lies now under

under thine Hand of Visitation, hide not thy Face from it, neither withhold thy tender mercy from it. Let thy Comforts, O Lord, Refresh its Soul, and take away all the Sin that is or may be the cause of its suffering sorrowes. Abate its pain, asswage its Grief, Look upon it and us in affliction, and forgive us all our Sins. Return, O Lord, Return, and spare, and save for thy Names sake, Inspire it with thine Heavenly Grace, and possess it with the mercies of thy Dear Son: And let his precious Blood, O Lord, cleanse it, and Sanctify it, and purify it, and be unto it

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righteousness, and Sanctification, and Redemption, that whether it live or dye it may evermore be thine, as Sealed with that Blood of Sprinkling that speaketh better things then that of *Abel*. Let his Soul be precious in thy Sight: And if it may please thee, in mercy to Spare its life, which we humbly and earnestly beg at thine hands, let it also please thee to grant it a good and Religious Education, a vertuous and holy life, to thy Glory and others good; If thy will be to take it out of this world; grant us Grace to Submit to thine heavenly disposal of it, and patience to bear thy

Correction

Correction as becomes thy Children: Into thy merciful hands, O Lord, we Recommend our selves and it, and all that we have or are, our hopes and all our desires, which thou knowest better then our selves. Only in life and death and all Estates, let us evermore be thine. Now and in all dangers and afflictions of Soul and body, in the hour of death, and in the day of Judgement, save us and deliver us, O sweet Saviour & Redeemer, thou Jesus Christ the Righteous. &c. Amen.

*A Prayer preparatory to Death.*

O Lord God Almighty, Gracious and merciful Father in Jesus Christ, to whom

whom do pertain the issues of life & death, who hast the Key of *David* that openeth and no man shutteth, who delightest not in the Death of a Sinner, but rather that he may turn and live. Turn us, O Lord, and we shall be turned, Convert us and we shall be converted, Change us and we shall be Changed, Extend thine abundant goodness unto the Soul of thy Servant here before thee. Change him, we pray thee, from death to life, He cannot die, to whom thou art pleased to say, Live. O that he might live here a while with the Comfort of his Friends to praise thee! To thee, O Lord,

Lord, no word is hard. no work impoſſible. If not here, at leaſt, let him live with thee Eternally to Glorify thee in Heaven. Speak peace and Comfort to his Soul. perfect that work, we hope, thou haſt begun, of a ſafe and lively faith, well-Grounded hope, ſerious and ſound Repentance, true Charity, deep humility, meekneſs and all the graces of thy Spirit, that thou knoweſt needful to prepare him for thy ſelf. Arm him againſt all the aſſaults of his Ghoſtly Enemies; Let the merits of thy Dear Son ſpeak for him, and Supply whatſoever is wanting to him. Let the never-failing Conſolations

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of thy good Spirit be ever with him. A Guard of Angels about him, to secure him whilst here, and to conveigh him in his passage hence, at thine appointed time, to the Mansions of Eternal Rest through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

*For our Children*

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, on whom the whole Family in Heaven and Earth depend: I thank thee for thy past and present Blessings in thy gifts, and my hopes by the Children thou art pleased to bestow on me; Bless & Sanctify them so,

so, O Lord, that in some Capacity or other, they may be Fit to live and Serve thee, by doing good in their Generation. Give them, I pray thee, a sound mind in a sound body, Health and life, and a good understanding, an inclination to good, an abhorrency of that that is evil; And above all, the Graces of thy holy Spirit; preserve and deliver them from the many dangerous snares and Temptations they may be exposed to, in their passage through this evil world: Be pleased so to order the circumstances and opportunities of their lives, that they may have the benefit of a good bringing up and breeding,

breeding, in thy fear, and under the Discipline of good Masters, Tutors or Governors and in the Society of good company, holy and Religious people, whose example and Conversation may be a continual furtherance to the ways of peace and righteousness, and the fear of thy Name; keep them safe here under thy defence; Grant they may grow and increase in Grace, and favour with God and good Men, and so live here, as that they may be received to thy mercies hereafter in thy dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Children*

## Children for Parents.

HEavenly and Gracious Father, thou art the Father of Fathers, and God of the Fatherless, by whose Command and will it is we owe the Tribute of Honour and obedience to our earthly Parents. To give thee thanks for thy mercies in and by them, and to pray for thy Blessings upon them. Enlarge our hearts in thanks and praise for all the good gifts, through thy mercy by them conveyed to us. For those

those we bless thy Name, and humbly beg the continuance and increase of the same: Be Gracious and Favourable unto them, O Lord, with thy pardoning mercy and forgiveness to all their Sins and infirmities. And let neither weakness in them cause disrespect from us; nor willfulness in us cause disobedience towards them. Let us not upon any account despise them or forsake them; But alwayes honour them in thy fear, and according to thy will. Let the fear of thy Name and the graces of thy good Spirit be their Guide in the Government of us, [and of their Family.] that by

their means and providence we may be brought up in the Nurture and admonition of the Lord, and provided for with such a State of life as shall seem good to thine heavenly Wisdom, for our necessary comfort and subsistence here, and our ghostly good for hereafter; work and increase all goodness in them and for them. Let Blessings of the right Hand, and Blessings of the Left descend upon them; Let them be blessed in their Persons, in their Relations and Posterity; In all necessary Comforts of this Life, and especially of thy Grace, that they may live well and godlily

lily in this World, and at last depart in Peace, to taste of thy Mercies in thy Kingdom, and receive a Crown of Glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## *A Wife for her Husband.*

O Lord, my God, who plantedst our first Parents a Noble Vine, a right Seed, and hast appointed Marriage to be honourable amongst all, and the Bed undefiled; Bless me, O Lord, and bless mine Husband, with sanctified hearts and honest

Lives, that our Hearts and Lives, and all our ways, may be clean before Thee, and that we enjoying the comforts of Marriage with the Holiness of thy Fear, may therein be true and faithful to each other, according to thy holy Word and Ordinance, and be made Partakers of the Blessings of thy Chosen, even such as thou hast been wont to vouchsafe to other holy Men and Women before us: Grant me to be chaste, loyal and obediently pleasing towards him; and him to be kind and loving towards me. Let no fretful peevish disposition disturb our Peace, nor any wandring affections

affections within, or flattering allurements and temptations from without distract our love. Bless him, O Lord, with Health, and Life, and Understanding, that he may so abound with thy Grace, as to be and continue thy true and faithful Servant, a sincere Member of thy Church, a Support and Guide to me his Wife, a blessing and a comfort to his Children. And let thy Blessing be upon us and ours, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## *A Husband for his Wife.*

O Dear God and gracious Father, who art abundant in mercies towards those that fear thee, vouchsafe thy Bleſſing to thine Handmaid my Wife, endue her with all ſuch Gifts and Graces, as may qualifie her the better to ſerve thee, render her the more comfortable to me her Husband, uſeful in her Family, and good to all according to her place and ſtation; Give her a meek, humble and obedient ſpirit

ſpirit, as a Wife; quiet, pious, prudent and frugal in her Family, peaceable towards the neighbourhood, fruitful in all good works, [and if it be thy will, in bringing forth and breeding up hopeful Children in thy fear.] Make her holy, Wiſe, Religious and Devout to thee her God, ſober in her converſation, diſcreet in her behaviour, as a good houſe-keeper at home; And a vertuous Woman, when [or if at any time] call'd forth abroad. An example of good to thoſe about her, and finally ſuch in Grace under thy Bleſſing here, as that ſhe may partake of thy Glory hereafter, through

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### *For a Servant.*

O Lord God Almighty, to whom nothing is so high, as not to need thee, nor so low as therefore to be despised by thee, or escape thy Providence. Look down upon the low estate of thy servant. and grant me such an humble contentedness with my mean condition, whilst it is thy Will, as neither by indirect ways to seek my own, either enriching or advancing, nor by discontentented murmuring to repine

pine at thy Providence. Grant I may be faithful towards my Master, and just towards all men, neither procuring gain to my self by doing or suffering wrong to him, nor gain to him, or to curry favour with him by any wrongful or injurious dealing towards others. Be merciful, O Lord, unto my sins, and pardon all the transgressions and sinful miscarriages of my whole life, even whatsoever I have done amiss. whether in thoughts, word or deed. Teach me thy Ways, O God, and instruct me in whatsoever may concern my everlasting Salvation hereafter, or my pre-

ſent, comfortable and honeſt being here; and that for the ſake of thy Son and our Saviour the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, to whom with thee and thy holy Spirit be glory and honour now and for ever. *Amen.*

## *Another for a Servant.*

O Lord God Almighty, whoſe Providence watcheth over all. Look down, O Lord, upon thy ſervant. Be pleaſed to pardon my ſins, and to direct my wayes. that in the duties of my ſervice

vice I may serve thee, that I may be true and faithful in my Masters business as in thy Presence, who callest every work to account, whether good or bad. Grant I may neither be negligent or idle in my labour, nor unfaithful in my trust; But with an honest Heart deal uprightly in all that I set mine Hand unto. Let thy Blessing be upon all my honest labours and endeavors, to the just contentment of my Master, the comfort of my own Soul, and the Glory of thy Name: Let thy Blessing be upon my Master and Mystris, and the whole Family, for thy mercies sake; Keep me, O Lord, from

from the errours of mine own heart, and the sins and temptations I am or may be liable to, and that I may pass my time without offence towards thee: and towards Men: And let me so serve Thee here, as that I may be received into thy Kingdom hereafter, for our Lord Jesus Christ his sake. *Amen.*

## *For a Woman with Child.*

O Blessed Lord God, the Author of our life and being, our Helper and Deliverer

verer in time of need; Look down in mercy upon thine handmaid, and as thou hast blessed me to conceive, so bless this fruit of the Womb which is thy Gift, with life and preservation, and me in thy good and appointed time with a safe and comfortable delivery. And till that time shall come, be pleased to keep both me and it so under thy gracious Providence and defence, that it may be preserved & brought into the World with its Limbs entire, its Shape right, its Faculty of Reason and Understanding sound; Grant me in themean space comfort and sure confidence in thee,

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and in the hour of extremity patience and hope, meekly to abide, and strength to undergo, (*v. to support me under*) whatsoever pains or pangs thou wilt have me to suffer, (*v. shalt please to lay upon me.*) Be merciful to my Child to make it thine by Grace, as it is thy Gift, and both of us Members of thy Church militant, that we may serve and praise thee here, and at last be received into thy Kingdom of Glory in Heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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## *Ejaculations in Travel.*

SPare me, O Lord, ſpare thine Handmaid, whom thou haſt Redeemed with thy precious Blood. O be gracious and deal favourably with thy Servant. Help me, O Help me for thy Names ſake. Shut not up my Soul with Sinners, nor my life with them that go down into the pit. Let me ſtill hope in thee, O my God and Saviour; Let me ſtill hope and quietly wait for the Salvation of the Lord.

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Let the Remembrance of thy former Mercies refresh my Soul, and encourage my Hope, and strengthen my patience, with a quiet Resignation of my self to thy good pleasure. It is the Lord, let him do what seemeth him good; I have waited for thy Salvation, O Lord. Remember me, O Lord, according to the favour that thou beareſt unto thy Children: O visit me with thy Salvation: Let me see the deliverance and felicity of thy Chosen, and rejoyce in the gladness of thy people, the sweetness of thy mercy. Let me give thanks with thine inheritance.

## A Thanksgiving for Child-Birth.

LEt our Soul Magnifie Thee, O God, and let the Spirit of thy Handmaid rejoyce in thy Mercy: And let not either former sins, or present unthankfulness hinder the addition of further favours. Encrease our thanks towards Thee, and thy mercies towards us. Go on, O dear God, to compleat and perfect that deliverance thou hast so hopefully begun: As thou hast delivered thy

thy Servant from the preſent danger of Child-birth; ſo preſerve her in, and deliver her from the remaining danger of the Child-bed. Be gracious and merciful to the Infant, and grant it continuation of life and health, increaſe in grace and ſtrength, and all good abilities: Make it a Member of thy Church by Baptiſm, vouchſafe it a vertuous and religious Education, and the ſpirit of thy fear: Preſerve both Parents and Child under the ſhadow of thy wings, that both in life and death they may evermore be thine. And if, O Lord, it ſhould pleaſe Thee, as to their temporal

poral Concerns, to dispose otherwise of either of them, then we desire to hope, enable thy Servant to endure with patience, and humbly to submit to, and accept of thy Chastisement, with hopes of thy Mercy, even in death it self, if it should so be thy Will to call. Hear us, O Father of Mercies, and God of all comfort and consolation, pardon our Offences, pity our Infirmities, prepare us with thankful hearts and humble Souls, to be more fit for future mercies, either in this life or in the next, as shall seem best to thine heavenly Wisdom and Goodness, through Jesus Christ our

our Lord. *Amen.* Now and in all dangers and afflictions of Soul and Body, in the Hour of Death, and at the Day of Judgement, save us and deliver us, O sweet Saviour and Redeemer of the World, even Jesus Christ the Righteous. *Amen.*

## *For a Fatherless and Motherless Child.*

O Lord, our God, the Father of Mercy to the Fatherless, an Helper in time of need: Look down in compassion upon my desolate and

and helpless state. Forsake me not, O Lord, in distress; whatsoever other Helps fail, be thou my never-failing Succour. Let thy Providence supply whatsoever is otherwise wanting to me. Raise up (*v.* stir up) some faithful Friend or Benefactor, that may in some good sort take care of my Soul, and provide for my well-breeding up in the fear of the Lord: let me, O Lord, evermore trust in thee, and depend upon thee. Let nothing remove me from my stedfast hope, nor put me upon any unlawful course; let no necessity drive me to dishonest shifts, but grant me patiently to undergo what

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ſtraits thou ſhalt pleaſe to lay upon me. Let me find Favour in the eyes of good people, by an humble, Submiſſive, and good behaviour towards all. Be pleaſed to to place me in ſome honeſt calling, and make me diligent and induſtrious therein. Let my endeavours be aſſiſted, and my labours Bleſſed, that I may not ſeem burthenſom to either Friends or others. And Grant, I may be content with what thy hand ſhall allot me, taking care alwayes to ſerve thee in temperance, righteouſneſs, and Godlineſs, and be merciful, O Lord, unto my Sins: and keep me, that I may not

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by any evil course provoke thine anger against me; But Spend my dayes so here in thy fear as to be preserved in thy Favour thorough Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## *For a Widow*

O Merciful God and Saviour, who takest care of the Widows case; and Succourest them that sue to thee for help, have mercy upon my desolate and destitute Condition. And as thy providence has deprived me of that Sweet Comfort of my life which I enjoyed in the Society

ociety of my Dear yoak-fellow ſince taken from me, [by death] ſo be pleaſed in mercy to provide a Supply of Comfort to me [and to my Children] be as an Husband to the Widow in diſtreſs, a Father to the Fatherleſs, an help to the helpleſs. Support me under all deſponding and dejecting thoughts, let thy Comforts, O Lord, relieve me in diſcomfort, and refreſh my Soul in all my ſadneſs. Comfort thoſe that mourn, and let their mourning lead them to the Ground of Heavenly Comfort and true Joy that never ſhall have end, even the embracing of the Lord Jeſus Chriſt by a ſound

Repentance,

Repentance, lively faith and true Charity, shewing it self in the works of Love and obedience. And among such mourners, Lord, Remember me. Grant me a sure trust and Confidence in thy mercy; an heart to Love, and serve thee: pardon, O Lord, my Sins, make me humbly thankful for all thy Corrections. Keep me in thy wayes, Supply my wants, relieve my necessities, help me in the Education of my Children. Enable me, O Lord, to be a Comfort to them. And Bless them with thy fear, that they may be so to me. Let none of us ever run astray into Sinful by-paths, out of

the wayes of thy fear; But grant us thy grace so to guide us through this transitory and troubsesom world that we may be kept stedfast in thy fear. Give us patient Contentment with what thy hand is pleased to afford us; And bring us at last to thy Heavenly Kingdom, thorough Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## *For a Tradesman*

OMost merciful, Wise, and all seeing Lord God, the invisible overseer of our wayes, and knower of our thoughts, who by thy Wise and

and Secret providence haſt ordered out unto men ſeveral ſtates of life, ſeveral callings and Employments, that none may be unprofitably idle, but every one in ſome ſort or other doing good, and ſerving thee according to his place and Station wherein thou haſt ſet him; Be mercifully pleaſed to bleſs me, O Lord, thy Servant; That, though very unworthy of thy favour, I may ſtill have an heart upright before thee: Be diligent in my buſineſs, faithful and honeſt in my dealing, and juſt towards all. Grant me, O Lord, ſuch a faculty in my Trade, with ſuch Succeſs in my labours,

Bleſſing on my Induſtry, that my pains may be profitable to me and mine, helpful to others, uſeful to the publick, and behoofful to thoſe about me, [*v. that I have to do with.*] Keep me, I pray thee, from all wrongful dealing, by falſe weight or meaſure, by deceiptful work, or ware, by deceipt in word or deed. Let me not ſeek to enrich my ſelf by wrong, but be content with a competent increaſe and honeſt Gain, that I may ſo do to, and deal by others, as I would they ſhould do to and deal by me. Ill got goods is a Canker in an Eſtate, to waſt and conſume it. Keep

me, O Lord, from this worm, that eats the Estate, and wasts the conscience too. Let me Remember thy all-seeing eye, and use an holy care to walk uprightly, to approve my self before thee in a right and even behaviour towards all. Let me Submit to thy providence, and walk humbly with my God, whether prosperity smile upon, or adversity cross me in my outward state. In prosperity make me thankful, fruitful by the works of Piety and Charity, in adversity patient, and improving that dispensation also, to the exercise of grace in faith and hope, and trust on thee, and thy mercy.

Let notthe over-carkingcare of the world withdraw me from adue care toserve thee: Nor the notion of serving thee in one capacitymake me negligent of the other. But grant I may serve thee according to all my calling [callings] both General by piety andcharity as aChristian; And particular,by provident care, diligence and industry, as a Man, a Man in Society and Relation, of a Trade andEmployment. Be merciful unto my Sins. Preserve and deliver me from the Temptations incident to to my state of life. And Grant, I may so discharge my duty in all Relations and respects,

respects, that when thou shalt put an end to these dayes of labour, thou mayest say unto me, Well don, good and faithful Servant, Enter into thy Masters Rest. And that for the Lord Jesus Christs sake. Amen.

### For a Borrower

The ungodly Borroweth, and payeth not again. Let me not come, O Lord, into the Number of those ungodly ones: But rather, as my Neighbours kindness has abounded or shall to my Relief, let my heart abound

in thanks and prayers to thee for him, and if by the means of his help it pleale thee to increase my store and ability, Grant me an heart also to make him a graceful compensation. Let me not Squander away either his or my own, by improvident using, or careless mispending that Talent either by thy merciful providence, or his kindness, I am entrusted with [*v. shall bee*] but Grant I may honestly use it to my Relief, or employ it to my further benefit and bettering of my Estate, or such other necessary uses, as thy providence shall direct me to, or my occasions call for, that my Friend or neighbour

bour may not be damnified, that my necessary occasions, may be Supplyed, my Condition bettered, and thy Name praised. And howsoever it shall please thee to deal with me and mine, grant I may be contented with thy will, still endeavoring by all possible honest lawful means that I may not defraud or injure him, or any else, but let integrity & uprightness preserve me with a good conscience towards God and Men. And let thy mercy pardon my failings, and all my Sins, for Jesus Christ his sake. Amen.

## *For a Lender*

A Good Man is merciful and lendeth, Grant me, O Lord, such an heart as may be willing to do good to all as thou shalt enable; That I may not for a Cloak of Covetousness, and under a shew and pretence of Kindness, seek to grind the face of the poor, oppress the indigent and necessitous, unjustly extort from the Rich, or injuriously invade the right of any. That I may not by lending desire to draw men into a Net and snare, on purpose

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to make a prey of their estate; But let me and all Men be ever Ruled by that Law of Love, that teaches us uprightly to do as we would, and should desire to be done unto. Nor let me wish any other benefit by lending, then what the Rule of Charity and good Conscience allowes or dictates. the blessing of Almighty God upon an Heart desirous to do good, and the fruits of truly grateful Hearts in those that receive it good. And let not the ill-dealing of some (to my loss and damage) discourage me from doing good to others, nor incline me to make that Talent idle thou hast entrusted me

me withal. Give me an Heart ready to distribute, apt to forgive, willing to communicate, free to do good, kind to the Poor, and charitable to all. Give me Prudence in all things, to order my Affairs with discretion; Grant me Faith, Hope, Love and a good Conscience towards Thee, and towards all Men; A sight of my sins and an hearty sorrow for them, with an earnest endeavour to amend every thing that is amiss, that so my ways may be acceptable by Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*For an Inn-Keeper or Host.*

MOST merciful and gracious Saviour, who cameſt not to call the Righteous but Sinners to Repentance; Be merciful to me a poor miſerable Sinner, and ſinful Creature; Grant me, O Lord, ſuch hearty Remorſe, ſerious ſorrow, true and ſound Repentance for my ſins, as may find acceptance before Thee. And thou, Lord, who by thy Providence haſt diſpoſed unto the Children of Men their ſeveral Seats

Seats of Habitation, with ſeveral callings, conditions and ſtates of life, that all may be uſeful and ſerviceable to one another. Bleſs me, I pray Thee, in this of mine, that I may as much as poſſibly in Me lies, endeavor to walk inoffenſively before Thee, and towards all Men, with ſuch an honeſt, affable and pleaſing Converſation, fair carriage and ſweet demeanour as may win upon my Gueſts, to give them all reaſonable and juſt ſatisfaction and contentment in the ways of Peace, and within the bounds of temperance and ſobriety: And grant, that my Houſe, which ſhould

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be for the entertainment of the Stranger, relief of the weary Traveller, comfort of the sad, refreshment and chearing of Society, may not degenerate into a sink of luxury and lewdness, nor thy Creatures be therein abused to Gluttony and Excess, to Riot and Drunkenness, Chambering and Wantonness, strife and quarrelling. But rather finally so bless both me and mine, that being good Examples to these about us, we may under thy Protection have our dwellings safe and peaceable, our labours easie, our Rest refreshing, our food sanctified, our families so prospered under

under thy mercy, and our whole life ſpent with ſo much charity and fear of thy Name, that eſcaping from the darkneſſes and temptations of this evil World, we may at laſt come to the Land of everlaſting Reſt, there to enjoy the Bleſſings of Eternity, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

*For a Traveller, or before a Journey, or in it.*

O God the Creator and Preſerver of all, Thou that ſeeſt all our ways, be pleaſed in mercy to watch over me and mine, keep us in

in all our ways, in all our ſtations, whether at home or abroad, whether in travel or in reſt. Let thy good Angel be our Guardian to keep us, and our Guide to direct us. Preſerve us, O Lord, from whatſoever evil is or may ariſe within us, or that may from any cauſe without befal us. Let no temptations prevail to ſeduce us, nor Sin to overthrow us; Deliver us from danger by bad Company, from perils by Fire, by Water, by Thieves and Robbers, by Falls, or any other caſual Hurts, or unexpected accidents. Let thy Bleſſing be upon us in every place, and in all our Concernments,

cernments, that in Soul, in Body, and all our Affairs, both we and ours may be protected, our Business prospered, and in every good work by thy Providence, perfected. Remove our misdeeds from before Thee, and take away all our sins, that our ghostly Enemy prevail not against us; but so save us in, or from the waves of this troublesom world, that we [or I] may have a safe setting forth, safe Journey and safe Return to the comfortable sight of Home, and enjoyment of one another in thy fear, till thou shalt please, in thy good time, to bring us to that everlasting Home

Home and Haven of Rest, which thou hast provided for them that love Thee, and which we humbly beg for Jesus Christ his sake, our Lord and only Saviour. *Amen.*

## *After a Journey.*

O Most Merciful and gracious God and Saviour, whose goodness it is to hear our Prayers, and to deliver us from the dangers deserved by our sins, from Death, Hell and the Grave, and the many means that lead thereto: Blessed

Bleſſed be thy Name that we are here alive, and in a capacity to praiſe Thee, for this great meaſure of thine infinite mercy, for ſaving us from whatſoever the dangers we have by thy Providence either paſt or eſcaped, That the perils of the Wind, the Weather, the Way, that either were or might have been, have not deſtroyed us: That we ſee again each others face, with ſuch comfort as ſeems beſt to thy heavenly Wiſdom. What ſhall we render unto Thee, O Lord, the Preſerver of Men. Let us Return unto the Lord with praiſe in our Mouths, and Thanks in our Hands

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and Hearts, and further beg him to fill our Souls with great apprehensions of his unspeakable mercies; And, O dear Father, that our Thankfulness might be as great as our needs of mercy are. And let thy merciful loving kindness endure for ever and ever upon us all. Let thy past and present mercies, let the sense of thy favour engage us to shew forth thankful Hearts, by a more constant fear of thy Name, by a more ardent love of thy Goodness, (sweet is thy Love, and great is thy Mercy) by a more sure trusting in Thee, and giving up our selves unto Thee in all

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our ways, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

### *For a Shepherd.*

O Lord our God, how excellent is thy Name in all the Earth, who though thou haſt ſet thy Glory above the Heavens, yet out of the Mouth of very Babes and ſimple ones haſt ordained thy praiſe, revealing myſteries of higheſt moment to ſilly Shepherds and poor Countrey-men in the Fields; When I conſider the Heavens, the works of thy Fingers,

gers, the Moon and the Stars which thou hast ordained; What is Man that thou art Mindful of him, or the Son of Man that thou so providest for him? Thou makest him to have dominion over the works of thine hands, and hast made all things Subject to him. Thou hast made the very Shepherds as Lords of thy Creatures, to drive [lead] forth their flocks by bands. Thou madest our Fore Fathers, the Primitive Shepherds, Princes and patriarks of thy people, even the Fathers of many Nations, and a kingly posterity to come out of their loyns. Thou sentest the glad tidings

of the Gospel into the world by the Ministry of Angels, and the Mouths of Shepherds. Even so it is thy good pleasure, O Heavenly Father, to dwell with the humble and contrite heart, and highly to dignify in heavenly things the lowly and humble Soul. Be merciful unto me, O Lord, a poor and Sinful Man. And as thou hast advanced me to a place of Charge and trust over thy Creatures, Grant me Grace to be honest and faithful in the same. Assist me to serve thee both as a Shepherd in the care of my Flocks, and as a Christian in the care of my Soul. Let my advantage of time and opportunity

portunity invite me to behold and contemplate thy Creatures, to meditate on thy Works of Wonder, to admire thy Goodness, and to praise thy Power. Give me an Heart to be watchful and wary, diligent and careful for the safety and well-doing of my flock, that they neither stray to trespass upon, and damnifie my Neighbours, or endamage me, [*v. my Master*] by losing and endangering themselves: Let the waters of Comfort, and sweet wholesom Chrystal streams refresh them: let sound pastures feed them: Defend both me and them from harm by the extremity

of Summers heat or Winters cold, by ſickneſs, weakneſs, or any other malady. And enable me to take all due and neceſſary care of them in all conditions, and let thy Bleſſing be upon mine endeavors. And grant, O Lord, that I may make a good uſe of my time of leiſure, and ſpend a conſiderable part thereof in good thoughts, good meditations and reading of good Books. Be graciouſly pleaſed to pardon and forgive me all the ſinful miſcarriages of my poor and ſimple life, and to direct me with ſo much underſtanding and fear of the Lord, that my wayes may be acceptable to Thee here, and

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that I may come in the end to thine everlasting Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*For a Maid or young Woman*

O Father of Mercy, and God of eternal purity, who delightest to dwell in the chast Habitation of Virgins Hearts; Be favourable, O Lord, unto the Soul of thine Handmaid; Cleanse me from those stains and pollutions, that the corruption and weakness of my Nature might be apt to endanger

me by. Endue me with true Christian Virgin-Modesty, such as becomes a Saint, and one that fears thy Name. Keep my Heart from sinful affections, and wicked lustings after folly, mine Eyes from vain and wanton looks; mine hands from over-curiously tricking and trimming my self in garish and gaudy Apparel, beyond or above that decency, that becomes my state and befits the condition of an honest life and civil behaviour. Grant me to be so affected in heart, and so to carry my self in Life and Language, in word and deed, that my ways may be acceptable by Christ our Lord,

Lord, my Heart so penitent and so pure, the whole frame and temper of my Mind so ordered in thy fear, so setled in love to Thee, that nothing may remove me from the stedfastness of a true faith, and well grounded hope, in a Life of Obedience to my Lord and Saviour; But that I may be so preserved here in a godly purpose of well-doing, that at the last I may live with Thee hereafter, thorough Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*For a poor Man in Debt and Distress.*

O Lord of Mercy, and God of pity, extend the Bowels of thy tender Compassion to me poor sinful man, who am but dust and ashes. My sins, O Lord, my sins do deserve whatsoever I do or fear to suffer, yet remember my infirmities, and pity my miserable state and distressed condition; deal not with me, O Lord, after my sins, nor reward me according to mine iniquities;

iniquities; Grant me patience in my poverty and affliction, and in thy good time relieve my wants; let not extreme necessity too much oppress me, nor the sense of thy displeasure, or my own misery so weaken my Heart and Hands, as not to trust in thee, and use all lawful means for help and redress. Succour me, O Lord, with thy gracious assistance, and refresh me with thy comforts. send help from thy holy place: And if the help of Men and Friends do fail, yet O my God, do thou never forsake me. Howsoever it shall please Thee to deal with me in my temporal e-

ſtate, yet give me grace to ſubmit my ſelf to thine heavenly Will, to be thankful for all ſuch Meaſures of Mercy and Comfort as thou haſt been, art or ſhalt be pleaſed to mete out unto me. Make me humbly thankful under thy Corrections, fruitful in patience, and hope, and fear of thy Name. And let no adverſity, O Lord withdraw my Heart from Thee; But whatſoever I ſuffer in this world, be pleaſed to keep me ſafe to thine everlaſting Kingdom, thorough Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen.

And O thou that heareſt the young Ravens when they call upon Thee, Remember

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in mercy my Wife and Children, and all my Dependents; Relieve and comfort them, O my God; Be a God, a Father and a Saviour to them now and for ever. Amen.

## *A Prisoner for Debt.*

LOok down, O Lord of mercy with the Eye of pity and tender Compassion, on the sad and desolate estate of thine afflicted servant. Pardon my abuse of former mercies, negligence in improving the many opportunities of grace, and all

the ſinful miſcarriages of my whole life, whereby I have too many ways provoked Thee. O that I may be truly ſenſible of and penitent for my ſins, and thankful for thy mercies, and that this priſon is not yet the place of utter darkneſs, from whence is no Redemption. Let this diſtreſs wherein I lie, be ſanctified to the freeing of my ſoul from the bond of iniquity; let it be made unto me as a curb to all unruly deſires, a Cloſet of Retirement from the World, for the uſe of examination, meditation and prayer. Teach me here to pray, and beg thy mercy both for my ſelf and

and others in like sad condition. Let my prayers, meditation and discourse be acceptable before Thee, and my words good, for the good of others. Incline the hearts of my Creditors to compassionate my miseries, and accept of what I shall be able to pay. And give me an Heart consciencioufly willing to do my best for their satisfaction. In the mean space grant me a contented patience in these my sufferings, deliver me from the temptations I am or may be in danger by. Let me seek my comfort, O my God, not in turning to intemperance, lewd company or excess, but in Thee, O Lord,

Lord, my chiefeſt joy and ſweeteſt ſatisfaction. Comfort me, while here, with thy grace, and in thy good time be pleaſed to reſtore me to my deſired freedom. Make me mindful of Thee now, and no leſs thankful to Thee, my Saviour, and for thy ſake to all my good friends hereafter. Requite their kindneſs with a plentiful benediction on them and theirs; Bleſs me and mine with a comfortable ſupply of what thou ſeeſt needful for us, both in Soul and Body, and Reward my Benefactors with eternal Glory in the life to come, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

## A Malefactor in Prison.

O Most just and righteous God, yet withal most gracious and merciful Saviour; O let me cast down my self before Thee, and beg mercy for my sins. As unworthy to lift up mine Eyes towards Heaven, I am even afraid of the nethermost Hell. My sins, O Lord, my sins, which have been so great, so venturous and so many; so shameless, presumptuous and bold, that they do even affright me when I think upon

on them, and wo is me if I think not upon them; Let me remember them with abborrency and deteſtation of Soul, and even loath my ſelf in thinking of them: And do thou be pleas'd, O Lord, to remember me in mercy, and pity me for thy goodneſs ſake. Wo is me, that I have deſerved to be turned into Hell, and to deſpair of that mercy that ſhould ſave me! Wo, that I have hated Inſtruction, deſpiſed reproof, contemned good Counſel, not regarded the voice of my Teachers, nor any words of Admonition! How ſwift to evil, and how backward to good! How wrongful to Neigh-

Neighbors! How abuſeful of my ſelf and thy good Creatures, profanely ſlighting the fear of my God and his Service! O, the grievouſneſs of my ſins! And O the Juſtneſs of my God! O, where ſhall I appear! what ſhall I do! And how make my peace for the other World, howſoever I ſpeed in this! O dear God, O bleſſed Redeemer, and O Spirit of Grace and Comfort, work in me that godly ſorrow, that cauſeth Repentance never to be repented of. Let thy Grace come yet, O Lord, and let it not be too late, though I may juſtly fear not to find acceptance with Thee;

Thee. 'Tis a mercy, O Lord, if thou makeſt me a well-grounded hope of the ſmalleſt dram of mercy. Thy mercy, O Lord, thy mercy; 'Tis thy mercy I beg: ſhake me not off from ſome hold of thy mercy, for the Lord Jeſus Chriſt his ſake, who gave himſelf a Ranſom for our ſins, and to redeem us from all iniquity. O, let it be as the earneſt of a greater mercy to be ſenſible of mine offences; work more and more in me a fixed and reſolved Mind to forſake them, and a true love and deſire to a godly, ſober, and righteous life. O let me be ſincere in my repentance,

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and ſound in my reſolutions. O let me be truly and humbly thankful, that thou haſt, though by this irkſom, painful and unpleaſant means, been pleaſed to ſtop the career of my ſins, and the further miſchief I might have done. O let me confeſs my faults freely, and take ſhame to my ſelf as unworthy to live; Let my Confeſſion admoniſh and warn others to break off their ſins betime, and to follow the ways of righteouſneſs. O that I may, if no other way, at leaſt thus a little, glorifie thy Name in my latter end! Help me to ſpend my time in bewailing my ſins; in humbling

bling my self before Thee for them, in setting my heart against them, in affectionately minding the holy Life of the Lord Jesus, inviting others about me to Repentance and Confession, thereby to give Thee Glory. Lord, help me so to employ my self, that I may have some taste of thy mercy, and the fear of death may be abated by some hope, that when my Soul shall be parted from my Body, thou, O blessed Jesus, wilt receive it, though so very, very, very much unworthy, into some of the heavenly Mansions. Amen. Amen.

## For a Souldier

O Lord God Almighty, to whom all ſtrength and power belongs, and without whom we can do nothing. Be merciful unto my Soul, and cleanſe my heart from all corrupt Aimes and Ends: Let the Glory of God and the fear of thy Name be ſet before mine eyes, that no private malice, hatred or Revenge may puſh me on to do violence and wrong to any: And Grant that in the defence and Juſt vindication of my King and Country, that

that cauſe thou haſt called me to maintain, I may behave my ſelf with ſuch courage, piety and prudence, that though I here ſerve Men, I may not ceaſe to be a Servant and Souldier of the Lord Jeſus Chriſt: Help me againſt the Snares and temptations incident to my preſent Condition. Give me the victory over all vile affections, paſſions and luſts. And then be pleaſed to Crown all our Juſt endeavors in this preſent warfare with a Bleſſed Succeſs. Pardon all my Sins, negligence, and ignorance, take away all iniquity, and accept me Graciouſly. Let thy good Spirit work that

Repentance

Repentance and amendment in me, that I may never need to Repent me of. Let not victory make us proud, insolent, and outrageous or cruel whensoever we Conquer. Let thy mercy, and the need we have of mercy our selves, make us Remember pity as oft as we may, and thou requirest; That we may rather Spare then Spoil; And delight in the good, more then the destruction of Mankind. Arm our hearts with courage, and our hands with strength to overcome the forces brought against us [and thee.] Inspire our heads with policy to defeat, and wit to overthrow our Enemies

Enemies Plots to destroy us. Confound the devices and Convert the Souls of all that Fight against thee. Let us Remember the Ends of War, to defend the rights of thy people, to preserve good order and Religion in peace, with the fear of thy Name. Let us not break that good order our selves, nor by Blasphemy, Riot, prophaneness and lewdness do ought against thy fear, that so we may credit both our cause and Religion. Be pleased to cover our heads in the day of Battel, Especially against our Ghostly Enemies. And grant that whether we win, we may win to thy Glory, and

and make a Gracious use of the Conquest, or whether we lose, we may not lose our selves, but be found in the Lord Jesus, Sanctified to him and prepared by a better Conquest, even over the Devil, Sin, and Death, for a better Crown, the Crown of Righteousness, which the Lord will give to all that love his appearing. *Amen.*

## *Before a Fight*

O God to whom victory belongeth, shew thy self. Be merciful unto us, O Lord,

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Be merciful unto us. Pardon our Sins, and save our Souls. Give us courageous hands, undaunted hearts, faithfully trusting in thee, and thy defence, save us from the hands of the Enemy, and Fight our Battels for us. Strengthen us with thy Grace, and Arm us with thy might. Let no fear of death appale us. And howsoever it shall please thee to deal with our Bodies, yet be pleased in mercy to Save our Soules. Save us, O Lord, Save us for thy mercies sake.

## *For a Seaman.*

O Most mighty God and loving Father, that commandest the Wind and the Sea and they obey thee. Thy Power is over all. Thou shakest the Heaven and the Earth, and thy Hand is seen in the deep. We have daily experience of thy Providence as well as thy Power. How oft is death set before us for a warning, and yet life, as it were restored, (sometimes even beyond hope) to our comfort and rejoycing.

O that our hearts might worthily praise the Lord for his wonderful Works to the Children of Men. The outgoings of the morning and the evening, and all Creatures with them should magnifie his Holy Name. But, O the ingratitude of us sinful men? How forgetful of thy Benefits? How many other ways do we provoke Thee? O be merciful unto our sins, and deal not with us according to our offences. Thou hast not dealt with us, O Lord, according to our deservings, blessed be thy Name, for then we had not been here to pray before Thee; but even swallowed

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up in the pit of destruction. But, alas! it is a wonder of mercy we have not even tired out thy mercy with our sins, and daily provokings. O teach us duely to weigh, and truly to repent us of all our sinful miscarriages before Thee. O that we might bath our selves in penitential tears for the great abominations, whether seen with our Eyes, or more covertly committed against Thee! O teach us to number our days that we may apply our Hearts to fear and serve Thee. Let us remember and think upon our end, that so we may be careful not to offend Thee. When Enemies

assaults, be thou pleased to defend us. When the Winds and Waves assail, and when storms and tempests threaten to overwhelm us, be thou graciously merciful and pleased to save us. Help us, O Lord, in all our distresses, and succour us in time of need, from the dangers of Winds and Waves, and of outrageous Seas, Good Lord deliver us. Stand on our side, O Lord, that Pirates make us not a prey, or Infidels enslave, or Enemies captive us. Make us constant in our Religion, that cruelty may not conquer, nor the devils baits or snares inveigle or infect, or any way intrap

intrap us. Make us faithful and just in our dealings, and so to behave our selves as becomes the Gospel of Christ, that the Adversary may have no just occasion to speak amiss of us or our Profession, and thy Fear or Name. Conduct and guide us by thy grace and in thy fear: preserve us by thy power. Let our going out, our progress and return be ever blessed with thy mercy, with thy favour and loving kindness be pleased to compass us as with a Shield. In perils and dangers, in life and in death, be a God, a Father and a Saviour unto us, through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

*For a Lawyer.*

MOst Juſt and righteous Lord God, whoſe goodneſs hath provided for the Benefit and Peace of Mankind, many good and wholeſom Lawes by the Miniſtry of Men. And haſt appointed Men to meditate upon, to mind, ſtudy and practiſe that equity and right, that thou by any manner of means haſt revealed to, and made known to the Children of Men. Vouchſafe to thy ſervant ſuch grace, that I may rightly

may rightly understand the concernments of my Profession, and conscionably practice according to what I know. That I may, to the best of my understanding, deal faithfully with my Client, and truly and justly with all Men. Let me not for reward endeavor to pervert the right. Let me not comply with the fraudulent endeavors of any that shall wilfully go about to pervert Judgment, to trouble and oppress the innocent, to bring causeless quarrels against those that do and would live peaceably and righteously in the Land, and serve God in their Gene-

ration. But that I may be willing and ready to help them to right that ſuffer wrong, to defend the cauſe of the oppreſſed, and to ſerve Thee according to Truth and Right in my Calling; Be merciful unto my ſins, and direct my ways in thy fear, that after this troubleſom life is ended here, I may come to enjoy the fruits of Peace and Righteouſneſs hereafter in thy Kingdom of Glory, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord and only Saviour. Amen.

## For one that is Aged.

O most mighty Lord God, that inhabitest Eternity, and thy Name shall endure for ever, and be continued as long as the Sun, even from generation to generation, that all the Nations of the World may praise Thee; though we Children of Men fade away suddenly like the Grass, and wither as the green herb before thee. Open my lips, O Lord, that my mouth may shew forth thy praise; And let my heart be employed

in the thankful remembrance of the many mercies, thou haſt made me partake of throughout the whole courſe of my Life. Be pleaſed in mercy, O Lord, to pardon the errours and tranſgreſſions o. my whole Life, the offences of my youth, and Sins of my riper years. O that I could mourn for them more ſeriouſly, and bewail them more heartily; Help me, O, Help me to mourn in Secret for my Secret Sins: And Remember not, I pray thee, my oft forgetfulneſs of thee. Teach me to Redeem the time, and as my Life growes ſhorter and ſhorter, let my faith grow ſtronger, my Repentance

pentance more sound and serious, my affections to an heavenly life more fervent, my meditations of, and longing after heaven, more frequent. Support me under the infirmities of Age. Let not waywardness, crossness and discontented thoughts, or peevish passion make my life wearisom to my self, or troublesom to others. But rather let my Experience of the vanities of this World teach me prudence, peaceableness and patience, that I may order my words and conversation with discretion. And that they may be rather profitable, and profitably pleasing, then offensive to the

the Hearers. Let thy comforts refresh my Soul, and a renewed Conscience emprove my hope to firm and stedfast dependence upon Thee, that I may chearfully pass the remaining part of my time in thy fear, with sure and certain Hope of the Resurrection of the dead, and of that Glory, Honour and Immortality, which thou hast graciously promised by thy dear Son, my most blessed Lord and Saviour, Christ Jesus; with whom let me desire to live, and live according to such desire, to give Thee eternal praises. Amen.

## For the Choice of a good Yoke-fellow.

O Lord God our heavenly Father, who knowest the secrets of all Hearts, and our very thoughts even afar off. Thou knowest the issue and success of all things, and what may come of them, whether don or undon, what may be for our good, and what for our harm, is not hid from Thee, though we poor Mortals understand it not. To Thee, O Lord, I come for Councel and Advice, to Thee I come

I come for guidance and direction. Let thy Grace assist me, and thy Spirit lead Me to see, to see and acknowledge, to acknowledge and forsake all such sinful affections and desires displeasing unto Thee, as are or may be in me. Deliver me, O Lord, from my sins by thy mercy, and cleanse me that my heart may be fit to receive, and willing to embrace all such good Counsels and wholesom Admonitions, as thou by any means shalt please to prompt, or by thy Providence to afford me. And let that Providence of thine [that never errs] point out (by som signal mark) the Way, the person

Person and the Thing, that it is thy Will for me to take and chuse in this weighty Concern. Let not any sinful miscarriages of my former life, (or of my youth) hinder thy mercy in this Affair, nor turn thy mercy into judgement by the unhappy choice of an unfitting (or inconvenient) and bad yoke-fellow. And because, O Lord, thou seest not as Man seeth, and judgest not as Man judgeth, and our Ignorance cannot attain to the depth of thy Counsels, nor the secret reservations of thy Will, and are many times from the outward appearance of things, apt to think and judg

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those things good and convenient, which thou in thy All-seeing Wisdom knowest to be otherwise; Be pleased, if I or my Friends do or should think of a person, that thou knowest inexpedient for the comfort and good of thy servant. Let thy providence that over-ruleth all, so order the circumstances of things, that any such evil and inexpedient Match may not take effect, that I may not be so unhappy as to fall into that sad danger, and grievous distress of a perplexing and disquieting yoke-fellow. But direct me, O Lord, to so convenient a Choice, that I may never

never repent of it afterward; One of a ſober, meek, merciful, humble, patient and prudent ſpirit. And when any ſuch good and expedient Match ſhall be thought of, as may be for the real good and true comfort of thy Servant; Be pleaſed to open the door, make plain the way, and remove all lets and impediments that might hinder an happy iſſue and concluſion to the mutual good and comfort of both our lives, with a peaceful contentment in thy fear and to thy Glory. Amen.

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## *For a Physician.*

O God the Creator and Preserver of all things, the Author of Life and Health, and every good Gift to the Children of Men; without thy Blessing neither Food can nourish, Wine refresh, nor Medicine heal; Vouchsafe thy favour unto thy Servant, that through thy Grace my Studies may be blessed, mine endeavors prospered, and my care directed to the good and health of Mankind. And as thy

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Providence shall call and give opportunity, direct to the use of such means and Medicine, Counsel and advice as may conduce to, and be good for either the Recovery and Cure, or Comfort, Refreshment and ease of my [Several] diseased patients, as may seem good to thine heavenly wisdom, and their several Conditions be capable of. Amen.

*For an Astrologer*

O Lord God Almighty, who in thy Wisdom, power and

and goodness hast prepared so many good things for the use and benefit of Man, who in thy providence hast ordained the Sun, Moon and Stars, as the works of thy fingers; Grant, we may so see, and seeing admire and praise thy Wisdom and power in these and all other thy works of Creation, and providence, as that in all our Studies and Meditation of thy works we may Refer all to the Glory of thy Name, may have our hearts raised up in thy praises and to thy Glory, and that we may look beyond the visible heavens unto thee the invisible God, who Inhabitest Eternity, and Light

Light that no mortal Eye can approach, as unto the (*Alpha* and *Omega*) Beginning and End of all things, as also the Author and Finisher of our faith, which we beseech Thee to perfect thorough Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that in the Meditation of thy Works, and Contemplation of thy Creatures, we may have our Hearts Fixed upon Thee, who art the Creator, that we may so observ natural Causes & effects, even the Works of thy Providence, who hast ordered and disposed all things in Measure, Number and Weight, as that we may not have

have our Fancies abuſed, nor our Hearts infected with Heatheniſh and ſuperſtitious Vanities, and to that End Grant me an underſtanding Heart, to diſcern Right from Error, and Truth from Falſhood, ſo as that I may be guided into all Truth, and avoid Error, thorough Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen.

Grant that in all our Studies we may know how to diſcern ſophiſticate Knowledge or Learning, to beware and avoid its danger, and a readineſs to embrace the Learning that is ſound, good and true, with Wiſdom and Grace aright to uſe it. Amen.

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wise as Serpents, and innocent as Doves, Grant that in all our Circumspection and wariness, we may neither willingly do wrong ourselves, nor Cherish a wrong certainly known to be done. But that we may be ready with *Samuel* to restore, if any thing have been unjustly taken [away] or by mistake be wrongfully in our hands, so soon as the same injustice or mistake shall certainly come to our certain knowledge, that iniquity may not cleave to our hands, nor our hearts consent to wickedness. And give us understanding hearts and means to discern between feined pretences

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and honeſt Claims; And deliver our Souls from needleſs Scruples, that neither Impertinencies clog us with doubts, nor uncertainties perplex us with cares or cauſleſs fears.

## *In Caſe of Conteſt with Adverſaries.* [*The Plaintiff.*]

PLead thou my Cauſe, O Lord, with them that ſtrive with me; Be merciful, O Lord, be merciful

unto me, and be merciful unto mine Adversaries. Dispose their Hearts, O Lord, to do the thing that is right, and incline mine own to accept of Reason, to embrace all reasonable motions in peace and love. Expel out of our Hearts all rancour and secret malice, suffer no envious desire of revenge to harbour there; And in all occasion of Contest and debate, vouchsafe an Heart ready to do any good we can, and to forgive whatsoever thou requirest that we should: And so guide us in all the course of our strivings with any unreasonable men, that we

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may evermore preserve true faith towards thee Our God, and Charity towards Men, with the Testimony of a Sincere and upright Conscience in all our wayes, thorough Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

## *Before Labour or Business*

O Most Gracious Lord God, without whose Blessing all our Labours are Fruitless, and endeavours Successless. Bless thou so the the works of our hands [or the Industry of our Heads]

and the preparations of our hearts, that our hearts being Single before thee, our Souls cleansed and purged from Sin, our wayes directed by thee, and our Labours [or Business] prospered under thy providence, we may Reap the Comforts of thy protection here, and the Joyes of thy mercy hereafter, thorough Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*After Labour. &c.*

BLessed be thy Name, O Lord, for that measure of

mercy

mercy and Success thou hast been pleased to afford me, Sanctify my heart and Lips, that whether in prosperity or adversity I may ever more give thanks unto thee, for thy Comforts in the one, and thy Fatherly Corrections in the other; that whether drawen with the Cords of thy Love, or reproved with the Checks of thy Fatherly displeasure, I may by all means grow more fruitful under thy Fatherly dispensations towards me. Go on, Dear God, to do me good, and vouchsafe such a measure of prosperity to all my future undertakings, as may assure me of thy Love, Confirm

me in thy fear, and cause me readily to Resign up my self unto thee, and have certain dependance upon thee in all Estates, even unto the Last, thorough Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

## *A Publican, whether Collector of Excise, Hearth-money, or any like Tax*

O God, Be merciful to me a Sinful Man, pardon the errours of my Life, and forgive whatsoever Sinful miscarriges I [may] have been guilty of, who knoweth

eth how oft I have offended? Be not extream to exact for all that is amiss in me. And give me Grace to remember what Duty I ow to thee; and what to my Neighbor, or to Men. Give me an heart upright & sincere before thee, that I may neither defraud my Masters that entrust me, nor violently or willingly oppress the poor and needy, that having no helper call to thee for help; nor do injury or wrong to any; But that being content with what is assigned, I may exact no more then is appointed me. And if I have unduely, or unjustly gotten from any by forged Cavillation, or false accusa-

tion, vouchsafe me thy grace to endeavour to make the party wronged, all due satisfaction and reasonable Amends. And grant, I may lead my life with such sincere piety and devotion towards Thee my God, such Temperance and Sobriety in and towards my self, such upright dealing towards others, and such charity and mercy towards the poor, that whilst I am busied in the Concerns of this temporal and worldly wealth, I may through thy mercies in Jesus Christ, not lose my portion in the Eternal. And that for the sake of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

## A Beautiful or Fair Woman.

O God the Creator of all, the fountain of all perfection, and O Blessed Redeemer the Saviour of all that trust in thee, Thou art fairer then the Children of Men, the fulness of grace is in thy Lips; But we poor mortals, what are we in our greatest Splendor, even a Flower that quickly fadeth, a shadow that soon passeth away. Whatsoever gifts and Endowments of Body or

mind we have, as we receive them all from thee, ſo give us grace to make return of all to thee, and to me thine Handmaid, that I may ſo not deſpiſe thy bounty in the exteriour Ornaments of my body, as abundantly more to deſire the inward Endowments and accompliſhments of my Soul. Let me not ſet my heart upon being fair in the Eyes of Men; But let me by all means ſtrive by the inward beauties of grace and vertue in the Soul, to be amiable in thine. For what I have, and what I am, O Lord, I thank Thee; And if any external Excellency may ſeem to Commend me to the

view of the world, Grant, I may not seek by that to Commend myself, but rather by the graces of humility, peace and meekness, Chastity, Temperance and the fear of thy Name. Let me apply my self to be an example, not of Gaudery in apparel, Curiosity in dress, setting of Tresses and broydred Hair, and like vanity, but of Modesty, Piety and Godliness. Deliver me, O Lord, that this Face, and these Eyes of mine, may not prove a Snare either to my own heart to deceive and delude it into fond and wanton desires, folly and sin, or to entice and trap others. Save me, O Lord,

Lord, from the deceitfulness, folly, and corruption of mine own heart within, and deliver from the lewd affections, and lascivious wicked attempts of any that may or might assail and Endanger me from without. Let no Temptation of wealth or Honour, Gold or Greatness, prevail to make me step aside from the fear of thy Name, the Loyalty and Duty I owe to thee. Strengthen my weakness, O Lord, as need shall be. And let me, if ever such Occasion fall, ever Remember; How can I do this great wickedness and Sin against God. Fix my resolution, O Lord, against

against all such wanton Habits Looks, wayes and Courses, as may either offend thee, or Endanger my own Soul. To thy Gracious protection, Guidance and Direction I Recommend my self. Be thou my Father, Captain and Defender in all Temptations. Hold thou me by thy merciful Hand, that I may be delivered from all Inconveniences, and End my life in the Serving and Honouring of thy holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord and only Saviour Amen.

*Another*

Most Gracious and merciful Father, Thou art a God of purity and Holiness, of purer Eyes than to behold the least iniquity, and uncleanness with approbation. Give and preserve unto thine Handmaid a Chast Body and a clean Soul; And Grant, that, through these windows of flesh and Blood, Sin may never enter in, nor death by Sin. Deliver me, O Lord, from all self admiration in regard of any outward excellency

cellency; That I may neither be intoxicated with pride, nor insatuated with wanton folly. Let me neither be fond of my Face, nor Doat upon my Dress; But give all Glory to thee, my God, for what I am. Let me not strive to exceed others in Bravery of Clothes; Especially not in Garish and wanton attire. But rather to excel in holiness of Life, without which none shall see the Lord; Let purity of heart, cleanness of thought, rectified affections and desires, the inward Beauties of the Soul, promote the perfection, and adorn the Condition of my Life; So, that

I may devote my self to please God, more then the Eyes of Men; And that my wayes may be ordered acceptably in his sight, for Jesus Christ his sake, my Lord and only Saviour. Amen.

## *A Woman that is Barren.*

REmember me, O Lord, in thy Mercy, and neither reject nor despise the desires of thine Handmaid; It is thou, O Lord, that canst open the Womb, and make it fruitful; and so long as thou

thou pleaſeſt reſtrain from bearing. As thou haſt exerciſed my Patience hitherto, ſo hear at length and give me Occaſion; As for all other thy mercies, ſo for this very thing to praiſe thee. Grant, O grant, if it may be thy Will, that I may receive thy Bleſſing in the fruit of my own Womb, and my Husbands Body, to encreaſe the number of thy Children. No work is impoſſible to Thee, neither *Abrahams* Age nor the deadneſs of *Sarahs* Womb can hinder, when thou pleaſeſt to give Conception. Let no perſonal defect in either of our Bodies, nor former ſinful

miſcarriages of our Souls withſtand thy mercie to us. Cleanſe me from all ſtains of Sin, and give me Grace to wait thine appointed time, until thou have mercy upon me; It is thou that ſhutteſt and no man openeth, that openeſt and no man ſhutteth. To thy mercy I recommend my Requeſts; Or if it ſeem not good to thine heavenly Will to fulfil my deſires, yet grant me Grace with all my Heart to ſay, Thy Will be done. And let thy Will be done, O Lord; And let thy Will be mine, even to fear and obey thy Name, thorough Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

## *A Woman that has a bad Husband.*

THE Hearts of all Men are in thine Hands, O Lord. O let the Spirit of Grace, and the fear of thy Name; Work upon the Heart of mine Husband, to turn him from every evil way and sinful course, that he may apply his Mind to serve Thee in the duties of his Calling as a Christian, a Man and a Husband, with a due care of his Soul, himself, his Estate and Family, his

Wife,

Wife, Children, and whatsoever else depends upon him. Pardon the sins of thine Handmaid, that may deserve this Cross. And grant me patience under it, with an endeavour to win him by meekness and love, and not to provoke him by bitterness Pardon all our sins, and incline our hearts to serve Thee in well-doing, and that for Jesus Christ his sake. *Amen.*

## *A Little Child.*

GOOD Lord be merciful unto us, and Bless us, forgive

forgive us all our sins, make us thy Servants, and keep us from all evil this day and for evermore, thorough Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* *Our Father, &c.*

## *Another.*

TEach me, O Lord, the ways of thy fear, and incline mine Heart unto thy Will. Bend my mind to love and serve Thee, and let nothing delight me so much as to please Thee, my God and Saviour. Bless me, bless my Father and Mother, and

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give me Grace to love, honour and humbly obey them in thee and for thee. Bless my Brothers, Sisters, all my Friends and Kindred, and give me grace to love and respect them. Provide for me in mercy, and let me not want any thing that thou seest good for me. Preserve me by thy Power, and guide me by thy Grace, that I may live in thy fear, and die in thy favour, thorough Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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## One Troubled or Distempered in Mind.

O God and Father of all Mercies, the Comfort of the Comfortless, and those that mourn. Pity, I beseech Thee, the distressed and distracted state of the Soul of thy Servant. Remove my misdeeds from before Thee, and take away all causes of doubt and distrust in thy mercy. Give me a clear understanding of thy Will, and of my self, and a Will ready to reform what-

whatsoever is amiss: deliver me from needless doubts and causeless fears, and let no accursed thing cleave to my Hands, nor accursed thought lodge in my heart to disturb my peace. And then be thou pleased to speak peace to my Soul, satisfaction to my doubts, and Comfort to my Conscience; that so enjoying a sound Mind in a sound Body, with chearfulness of spirit in thy fear, my Soul may rest in hope, and with true Charity, live by faith in thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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## Against Virulent Tongues.

O Lord our God, who art a God of Peace and Love, who favorest the peaceful Hearts of those that fear Thee, and lovest to dwell with the humble Soul. Give us such humble and contrite Hearts as may fear to offend Thee, or to disturb our own Peace, and the Peace of our Neighbor: Deliver us from every uncharitable thought and word, from all envious dispositions and malicious affections; De-

liver us from the ſtrife of Tongues, and all provoking bitterneſs, from the froward Converſation of turbulent ſpirits, reſtleſsly unquiet minds, angry and unpeaceful diſpoſitions, and who upon all occaſions make themſelves ready to quarrel. Let not Slander ſcandalize us, nor any abuſe of virulent tongues put us out of frame, but that we may ſtill poſſeſs our Souls with patience, and honour Thee by following the ſteps of our Saviours meekneſs, and overcoming Evil with Good, to the praiſe of thy Name, and comfort of our Souls. *Amen.*

## *Another for Peace and Holiness.*

BE pleased, O Lord, so to order the circumstances and opportunities of my life, that I may live in the society of holy and good people, whose devout example, religious Conversation, pious practice and peaceful carriage, may continually put me on to seek and pursue the ways of peace and righteousness. Let me delight to do thy Will, and deliver me from a necessity

of having to do with perverse Persons, and unreasonable people, that love not the ways of Peace; Sanctifie my Heart to thy fear, and my Tongue to thy praise, and my whole life in some sort to serve Thee, for Christ his sake. *Amen.*

## *Against Whispering, Tale-telling and Back-biting.*

DEliver me, O Lord, from Envy, Hatred, Malice and all Uncharitableness; shield me from those whose bitter tongues are as sharp Swords,

swords, or poisoned Arrowes, and give unto thy servant such grace, as that I may neither delight to hear nor report, much less take up, or raise a reproach against my Neighbour: Let neither itching ears, nor whispering Tongue content or please me. Let me neither care to hear, nor list to believe false tales, nor uncharitable Truths to the defaming of any. And let my very thoughts, my words and all my actions be joyned with so much Charity as not willingly to do, speak, or think any thing, whereby the Credit or good Name of my Neighbour may be

wronged, and that for the sake of our meek and kind Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

## *Against evil Thoughts*

WAsh my heart, O Lord, from wickedness, and let no vain thoughts Lodge within me. Deliver me from all blasphemous thoughts, murmuring and repining at thy providence; Treacherous devices, revengefull purposes, Covetous designs, unclean desires, or whatsoever else may make my wayes less acceptable

acceptable before thee. And grant that my heart and thoughts, intention and desires, and all my inclinations may be Sanctified with thy Fear; and Guided by thy Grace thorough Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Gentlewoman that has fallen into [mischance or] folly or sorely miscarried in her Choice.*

O Most merciful and Gracious Father, who

art a God and a Saviour to all that timely seek to thee for help. Look upon my deplorable Condition with the eye of thy pity, make me truly Sensible thereof; And of my own Sinful miscarriage that has justly drawn it upon me; Give me grace Sincerely to Lament and bewail that sad breach of my Baptismal Vow and Covenant, in minding the pomps and vanities of the wicked world, with the Sinful lusts and desires of the flesh, so too much, and the fear of thy Name too little, and for thy mercies sake pardon my Sin and folly, for it is too great. And since I sought thee not

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so as I should have done in my former time; O thou that art a God of Eternity above all time, and hast all things in thine own Hands; Let thy infinite power vouchsafe to take away my sin and reproach. And be pleased to limit out some proportion of deliverance to me, as to Thee shall seem most convenient. Let not injurious Tongues, O Lord, trample upon me, nor the spightful and ill-minded triumph, to whom I have done no wrong. But let my faults by thy Hand be corrected, and make not my unjust Enemies the Ministers of thy Justice in my reproach; yet,

O my God, if in thy Wisdom this seems the aptest Chastisement for my inexcusable trespasses against Thee; If this sad Fate and Fall be Fittest for my over-high desires; if the Pride of my (not enough humbled) Heart be thus to be broken, O Lord let me yield unto thy Will, and chearfully embrace what sorrow thou wilt have me suffer. Let me not, O Lord, repine at thy Providence, but repent of mine own folly and indiscretion, which is justly punished in this disastrous Answer of my own fond desires. Take from my Heart all arrogant and vainly aspiring

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thoughts, and let me abhor and detest the Emblemes of pride and wantonness, the Instruments of temptation, that have so near undon me. Let me be never reconciled with these, or any like Badges of vanity and folly. Let me deny my self, and much more these clogs and burdens of my Soul, to conclude a Peace with my self, and with my God and Saviour. And let me wish no other Revenge, than his sound Repentance and amendment to the saving of his Soul, that has done me, and others, and himself this wrong. Thou knowest, O Lord, my Condition, and the sad sense of

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my ſuffering; I Liſt not to make it appear to the world. O pity my Soul in diſtreſs, and eaſe the ſorrows of my Heart. Let my Heart delight in Thee, and place my Happineſs in thy ſervice. Let me bid adieu to the world and worldly vanities. Let theſe Croſſes be the exerciſe, but not the overthrow of Grace and Vertue in my Soul; And let not temptations allure or entice me to ſeek a ſolace for my ſorrowes by any unlawful means, or courſes indirect. Let no Fortune-tellers Tale intoxicate my Head, or feed my Fancy with vain Hopes, or bewitcht deſires of worldly

worldly greatness, perhaps to my further and total undoing, but rather let me study, while I live, to please Thee, and in so doing spend my time whilest here, and so end my days at last, to the constant comfort of my Soul, and Glory of thy Holy Name, thorough Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*For a Gentleman.*

O Most Gracious God, of whose Bounty it is, that we enjoy so many fruits of thy favour in the freedom and liberty of life, neither restrained

restrained by bondage, nor oppressed by slavery, nor worn out with drudgery and laborious toyl, but seasoned with the sweetness of many comfortable refreshments. Enlarge our Souls with Thankfulness, and an hearty desire and earnest endeavor for a life that may enjoy or partake of the freedom and liberty of the Sons of God. Sanctifie my leisure by a frequent devoting of my Soul to thy Service, by Meditation upon thy Word and Works.

Let my Conversation be meek and gentle toward Inferiours, friendly to Equals, humble to Superiors; And

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my whole Carriage such as may not be ashamed of the Name or Title of a Christian Gentleman. Let my House be a Seat of Hospitality, ready to entertain, my Table of free Converse and good Discourse, apt to communicate; My Kitchin and my door of Charity, free to distribute, not for a vain-glorious ostentation, and praise of men, but Conscience towards God, and good Example among Men, that they seeing our Good Works may Glorifie our Father which is in Heaven: Let my Recreations be innocent and harmless, such as being inoffensive to God, may neither bring

bring Scandall to Religion, nor hurt to my Neighbour. Let me neither oppress my Tenants, nor any way Grind the face of my poorer Neighbour. Let me not make use of greatness and power to do wrong, and Injury to any, but rather to do and defend the righteous cause when any I know do suffer wrong:

## *A Prayer for a Midwife*

Exodus 1.17, 20, 21. *The Midwives feared God, therefore God dealt well with the Midwives,*

*Midwives, and built them Houses.*

O Lord God Almighty, the God of the Spirit of all flesh, in whom we live, move, and have our being, who knowest our frame and remembrest that we are but Dust. Unto thee, O Lord, shall all flesh come: And unto thee, O Lord, do I come for my self, and all that thou dost or shalt at any time commit to my Care: [And for this woman thy Servant and handmaid, that seems now drawing near her Travail]' Thou seems to have brought the necessity of our profession: Yet let not my Sins, O God, Gracious and merciful,

merciful, nor the Sins of any hinder thy blessing upon thy Servant and handmaids Endeavours for the preserving of, and bringing to light, and the life of this world. such as thou hast appointed through my hands, and help to be born: Assist me (now and) at all times when called to that great and weighty work: Grant unto thine handmaid whosoever concerned, Comfort and sure Confidence in thee: Defend her from the danger of the Enemy: Fit and enable her in the Hour of extremity, to undergo whatsoever thou art pleased to lay upon her: Assist my Head, and direct my Hand

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to and in such ways as may be most behoofful to the life, safety and ease of both Mother and Infant. Grant me a conscientious and competent ability faithfully and as in thy fear to discharge that Duty is Entrusted with me, and thou expectest from me; That I may do all with due care and Caution: Not too much dejected by fear, nor Emboldened by a rash or hasty Humour: But with such discretion, prudence, discreet and good carriage to behave my self, as may be for the good of all about me. That high and low, Rich and poor may find my labours, life and language such

such as may be most Beneficial for them, and comfortable to them: And withal for my own Reputation here, and Comfort to my Account hereafter. Preserve me in all dangerous times and Occasions, from sad accidents or contagious Infections. Hear, O Lord, and have mercy, thou Saviour of all that put their trust in thee, in these and all other good things that thou knowest expedient for us: And all for the sake of thy Son and our Dear Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ: *Amen, Amen.*

## A Beggar.

O Father of Heaven, have mercy upon me for the Lord Jesus Christ his sake. Look upon me with pity and compassion; and relieve my poor and distressed condition. O thou that fillest the hungry with good things, send some good charitable people to take pity of me, to help me in sickness, to cloath me in nakedness, to supply me in want, and feed my hungry soul; And give me patience, O

Lord,

Lord, in the mean space, to endure with humble meekness, without repining, grudging and murmuring at thy providence, or envying at the wealthy and plenteous state of others; Give me patience to endure whatsoever weakness, sickness, want, poverty, cold, hunger, or any hardness thou art pleased to put me to. And let me, O Lord, in all that I endure look up to Thee, and trust in Thee, and hope for thy help. Let me not follow this course of Begging for Idleness, nor delight therein; But since I have not, or cannot work, grant that I may find comfortable

fortable and seasonable relief from the Hands of charitable and well-disposed people, and what spare time I have, may in some measure be improved and employed in heavenly and good thoughts, and meditations of thy mercy; Keep me, O Lord, from stealing, pilfering and purloyning, from every false way, and from every evil work. Be merciful unto my sins, and supply me with thy Grace; Give me an heart willing and ready to be employed in any good and honest work, as thou shalt please to send ability or opportunity. If it shall ever please Thee to

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raise me to a better state or condition; Grant I may endeavor to serve Thee with all Thankfulness. If otherwise thou hast determined, Grant I may possess my Soul in patience, with a firm hope, by thy mercy to be received with *Lazarus* into thy Kingdom, All which I beg and beseech Thee to grant, for Jesus Christ his sake our Lord and only Saviour. Amen.

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## A Prayer for a Peaceable and quiet Life.

O God, who art the Author of Peace, and Lover of Concord, and hast Commanded, as much as may be, to have peace with all Men; And forasmuch as there is no well-grounded peace, no true comfort of peace without Thee: Give unto thy Servants that peace which the World cannot give, even the Consolations of that good Spirit, that may seal unto our Consciences the free and full pardon and forgiveness of all our sins,

in the Blood of thy dear Son; And to that end give us a ſerious and ſound Repentance of all our ſinful miſcarriages before Thee, an hearty ſorrow for them, an earneſt endeavor to ſtrive againſt them, with a conſtant care to reform and amend every thing that is amiſs in us; deliver us from unruly paſſions ſinful and diſorderly Affections, angry Expreſſions, vexatious and diſcontented carriage, pettiſh and peeviſh Language and Behaviour, at ſmall or no occaſions, unquietneſs with Neighbors, Friends, Family or Relations: Deliver us from a Neceſſity of converſing

sing with turbulent or contentious spirits, angry and unpeaceful dispositions, who upon all and every occasion, are often breaking out into strife and debate, picking needless quarrels, seeking causless contentions, and resting in nothing but unquietness; Or if in thy secret and All-wise providence, whether for trial or correction, thou seest not fit to vouchsafe this Blessing, pardon their sins that are in fault, and give them Repentance of their folly; Grant, O Grant, good Lord. this grace, that we may possess our Souls with Patience, and give no cause of offence

our selves. Deliver both me and mine from such a turbulent and unquiet spirit in our selves. And grant us that meek and quiet spirit, which in the sight of God is of great price. Sanctifie our Natures throughout, purifie our affections, direct and guide our words and actions that they may all be ordered in thy fear and to thy glory; And let thy Comforts refresh our souls, that we may so peaceably and comfortably serve Thee here, that finally we fail not not of Blessedness hereafter, and that for Jesus Christ his sake, our Lord, and only Saviour and Deliverer. *Amen.*

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## EJACULATIONS

*BE merciful unto my Sins, O Lord; O bring me out of my distress.*

*Keep the Soul of thy Servant and I shall live.*

## Various EJACULATIONS

*LIft up the light of thy Countenance upon us, and make us to rejoice in thy Salvation.*

*Forsake me not, O Lord my God, be not thou far from me.*

*Order my steps in thy word, and let not any iniquity have Dominion over me.*

*Withdraw not thou thy mercy from me, O Lord. Let thy Loving kindness and thy truth alway preserve me.*

*Save me, O Lord, for thy Names sake, and Remove my misdeeds from before thee.*

*Deliver me from lying Lips and from a deceitful Tongue.* Com-

*Comfort the Soul of thy Servant, and teach me to do thy will.*

*Unite my heart unto thee, that I may fear thy Name.*

*Let me not seek my own will, but the will of my Father, which is in Heaven.*

*Let me delight to do thy will, O God, in the wayes of Obedience and Holiness.*

*Let me wait for thy Salvation, O Lord, all the dayes of mine appointed time, till thou shalt come*

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*coming, O Lord, & Patiently expect the Accomplishment of my Redemption.*

*Save me from the Enemies that are round about me, O deliver me from the dangerous Effects of temptation.*

*Deliver me from the Battel that is against me, save me from my neareſt (my deareſt,) and ſave me from my greateſt Enemies.*

*Help me againſt my [many and great] corruptions, and let not the deceitfulneſs of mine own Heart undo me.*

Strengthen

*Strengthen me in the midst of all mine Enemies, and make me a Way to escape.*

*Uphold me with thine own right Hand, and let me not sink in the midst of my fears.*

*Let not my Peace, the effect of thy mercy make me secure, or negligent in thy service.*

*Let no Passion so far prevail, as to transport me from the wayes of peace and prudence.*

*Set a watch before the door of my lips, that I*

offend not with my Tongue.

Help Lord, when my Spirit waxeth faint, and let not my heart be desolate within me.

Deal with me, O Lord, according to thy Name, for Sweet is thy mercy.

Let the Brightness of thy Countennce Shine upon thy Servant, and with the Armes of thy favour be pleas'd to embrace me.

Make me to see the Errour of my way, and teach me thy Statutes.

Restore my Soul, O Lord, unto its rest; and with the

*the eye of thy favour Regard me, : with the dew of thy favour refresh me.*

*Awake, O my Soul, to rejoice in the Lord: Let all that is within me praise his holy Name.*

*Bestir thee and awake right early, to give thanks unto him that hath not forsaken thy Soul in Adversity.*

*Councel me, O Lord, in the wayes of thy fear, and make me to love thee above my dayly food.*

*Deal kindly* [Gently] *O Lord, with thy Servant*

*and,*

*and lay no more upon me then I am able to bear.*

*Enter not into Judgement with thy Servant, O Lord, for who can be able to stand before thee! Or who can be justified in thy Sight!*

*Forget not, O Lord, my Soul in Adversity, And let me never forget to trust In thy mercies, and to praise thy Name: For it is lovely.*

*Give grace unto thy Servant, that I may learn to fear thy Name, and trust in thy mercy.*

Hearken

*Hearken unto my Prayer, O Lord, and regard my Meditation.*

*Incline thine ear unto my words, and consider the Supplication of thy Servant.*

*Kind is the Lord, and Gracious to those that trust in his mercy, and fear his Name; O teach me thy Will to obey it.*

*Lead me, O Lord, unto the waters of Comfort and refresh my Soul: Thy loving kindness is better then life,*

*Make me to hear the Voice of Joy and Gladness;*

*that*

that the bones which thou haſt broken may rejoice.

Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy Name let all Praiſe be Given, as is moſt due.

O teach me the Way that I ſhould chuſe, let thy Spirit Guide, thy Providence direct me as by the Eye.

Purifie me, O Lord, by thy Grace, and cleanſe me from my ſecret ſins, and let not the love of any iniquity lodge within me.

Quench in me all the fierie darts of the Devil, and reſtore me the light of

of thy Countenance.

Rebuke me not, O Lord, in thine Anger, but restore me to the Joy of thy Salvation.

Send Help for thy Names sake, and save me; O Remember me according to thy Mercie.

Teach me to do thy Will, and shew me the Way that I ought to choose.

Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my Soul, O be merciful unto me, and hear my Prayers.

Withdraw not thy Mercie from Me, and withhold

*hold not thy loving kindness in displeasure.*

*Examine and try me as silver, leave not the dross of Sin, nor the dregs of iniquity within me.*

## CONCLUSIONS.

LET thy Mighty Hand and out-stretched Arm, O Lord, be still our Defence, thy Mercy and Loving Kindness in Jesus Christ thy dear Son our Salvation, thy true and Holy Word our Instruction, thy Grace and Holy Spirit our Comfort and Consolation, unto the end and in the end. *Amen.*

NOw the very God of peace Sanctify us throughout, and I pray God that

that my whole Spirit, and Soul and body, may be kept blameleſs unto the coming of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, *Amen.*

NOw and in all dangers and afflictions of Soul and body, in the hour of death and in the day of Judgment, Save us and deliver us, O ſweet Saviour and Redeemer, thou Jeſus Chriſt the Righteous.

THe Grace of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, The Love of God the Father and the Comfortable fellowſhip of the Holy Ghoſt, be with us. Bleſs, preſerve and keep us, in Soul, in body, in all our con-

concernments, both us and ours, and all thine, the Remaining part of this day, and for evermore.

THe peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep our Hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be with us, Bless preserve and keep us, in Soul, in body and all our concernments, both us and others, and all thine, the Remaining part of this Night, the day following, and for evermore.

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THe Lord bless us, and save us; and make his Face to shine upon us, and be merciful unto us: The Lord turn his favourable Countenance towards us, this Night and evermore, *Amen.*

*Then did they Spit in his Face,* Mat. 26. 67.

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